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City of Santa Monica

Fire Sprinkler Water Discharge Requirements

Any waste discharged to the public right-of-way is captured by the City's storm drain system and therefore has the potential to adversely impact Santa Monica Bay. This includes wastewater from the testing and maintenance of building fire suppression systems (fire sprinklers). In order to minimize the potential of pollutants affecting public health or the environment the following requirements apply for all fire sprinkler test water discharges:

1. Fire sprinkler testing and maintenance water shall only be drained to on site permeable surfaces, the sanitary sewer or be containerized for lawful off site disposition unless otherwise approved in advance by the Water Resources Protection Program.
2. If draining to the City's sanitary sewer system, priority shall be given to a private onsite sewer clean out or other private onsite access to the sanitary sewer system, in lieu of City manhole.
3. If draining to a City manhole is the only feasible option, a minimum 5 business day advance notification and pre- approval by the City Wastewater Division is required. Please note that a City approved traffic control plan may be required. If City Wastewater Division determines that their staff is required to observe in order to ensure compliance with City regulations, these costs may be passed on to the building owner. For advance notification or more information the telephone numbers are: **(310) 458-8532 or 458-8235.**
4. Any such discharge shall not create a safety issue or public nuisance by ponding in the public right-of-way, or by flowing uncontained across sidewalks, streets or alleys.