



# Fox Metro

Water Reclamation District

682 State Route 31 · Oswego, Illinois 60543-8500

Pretreatment Inquiries · [Trubis@foxmetro.org](mailto:Trubis@foxmetro.org)

## Rules & Regulations

### For the Discharge of Domestic Septic Wastes

Updated 05/1/2019

#### GENERAL RULES

Permitted haulers may dump septic waste at the designated septic receiving stations only.

Permitted haulers can dump between the hours of 7am to 4pm Monday through Friday, and 8am to 4pm on Saturday. There is no dumping allowed on federal holidays.

Emergency dumps after hours, may be possible with prior approval. Contact 630-301-6834 for approval. Discharges that occur outside of normal acceptance hours will be charged at three times the current rate.

Only drivers and trucks that were identified and approved for the permit will be allowed to discharge. New trucks and new drivers must be submitted for approval prior to arrival to dump. A copy of the Fox Metro Septic Hauler permit must be available in the trucks for review at any time.

Haulers are expected to clean up any mess resulting from their discharge activities. Failure to do so will result in fines.

Fox Metro reserves the right to refuse a load for any reason at any time.

Fox Metro reserves the right to require that a load be discharged over a period of time so as not to negatively impact the plant. At no time may the discharge rate exceed 900 gpm. Septic receiving stations are equipped with an alarm when the rate exceeds 900 gpm. Setting off the alarm more than 2 times in one month will result in a fine.

The discharge must have a pH between 5.0 and 10.0 or it will be refused.

Each permitted hauler is allowed to dump up to 8500 total gallons per day.

Loads may not contain any wastewater laden with fats, oil or grease such as waste from grease traps, grease interceptors, or oil/water separators.

No hazardous waste or loads contaminated with hazardous waste may be discharged.

Haulers of domestic septic wastes shall be charged the rate of seven cents per gallon (\$0.07/Gallon) times the rated capacity of each truckload discharged at the Fox Metro POTW.

Unpaid monthly bills may result in not being allowed to dump.

## **DISCHARGE PERMIT CONDITIONS**

It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge domestic septic waste, or "special permit" waste, or any other wastewater into the Fox Metro POTW without a permit issued by Fox Metro or contrary to the conditions of any Fox Metro Ordinance.

Haulers shall complete and file with Fox Metro, an application form, prescribed by Fox Metro and accompanied by a \$500 fee. The application form shall be duly signed and certified by an authorized representative of the hauler. In support of the application, the hauler must submit the following:

1. Proof of insurance—each Permittee shall carry such insurance as is determined necessary and shall be approved annually by the district, and shall indemnify the District against claims, causes of action and other loss caused by the act or acts of the Permittee. Section 20-23 of Ordinance 461 requires the company to submit copies of their Comprehensive Automobile and General Liability Insurance policies.

- a) The minimum coverage for Comprehensive Automobile Liability is as follows: \$500,000 bodily injury per person, \$500,000 bodily injury per occurrence, and \$500,000 property damage per occurrence.
- b) The minimum coverage for Comprehensive General Liability is as follows: \$500,000 bodily injury per person, \$500,000 bodily injury aggregate limit, and \$500,000 property damage aggregate limit.

2. Performance Bond—each Permittee, per Ordinance 451 section 20-24, shall provide an annual performance bond to the District. The Performance Bond shall be in the amount of \$10,000.

The Permittee shall be in conformance with all applicable Federal, State, and County regulations regarding the disposal of wastes from privately owned septic systems.

## **PROCEDURES FOR DISCHARGING A LOAD**

Haulers must contact the Pretreatment Department at (630) 870-9337 prior to discharge. If there is no answer, contact (630) 301-6834 or stop at the O/M Building.

Haulers will be met by a Fox Metro representative. Fox Metro personnel must unlock the septic hauler discharge station.

If a sample is requested to be taken, Fox Metro personnel must witness the sample collection as well as the discharge.

Haulers must fill the provided sample bottle with a representative sample from the load to the 100ml line. The sample bottle must be labeled by the hauler with the manifest number, the date and the haulers name. The hauler is responsible for a completely filled out manifest. See the “Record Keeping” section for full details.

## **SAMPLING**

Fox Metro intends to randomly analyze samples to determine the content of the load. This is done for two reasons, first to track the pollutant loading to the wastewater treatment plant, and second to assure that the load does not contain any unauthorized waste. Sample testing will also be done if the load appears to not be only domestic waste. Fox Metro reserves the right to increase or decrease, as it deems necessary, the number of pollutants to be monitored for in response to changes in waste quality, POTW parameter limits, flow, regulatory changes, or any other factor unknown at this time.

Should a sample test positive for unauthorized pollutants or contain levels of pollutants that exceed the typical characteristics of septage and portable toilet waste, the hauler may be responsible for the cost of the analysis, and subject to fines. In addition to fines, Fox Metro reserves the right to suspend or revoke discharge privileges.

## **RECORD KEEPING**

All domestic septage waste, and "special permit" waste being hauled to the Fox Metro POTW for disposal, shall be properly documented using the District's manifest system or similar procedures approved by the District Manager or his designate. The manifest must include:

- a) A listing of complete individual addresses for septic tank pump outs
- b) A listing of construction site or other site addresses where portable toilets were serviced.
- c) For aggregated loads accepted from other pumpers, copies of the manifests where the individual contracted loads originated must be attached to or detailed on the Fox Metro manifest.

The hauler shall deliver a completed original manifest signed by the driver to the District personnel prior to commencing discharge of the load. One copy of the manifest shall be retained by the hauler for their company records.

Fox Metro, haulers, and generators of domestic septic wastes, and "special permit" wastes shall maintain records of all information or activities required by the Fox Metro Ordinance 451 for a minimum of three years. This period of retention shall be extended during the course of any unresolved litigation regarding the discharge of pollutants by the hauler or noncompliance event or enforcement remedies initiated in accordance with any District Ordinance.

## **FINE SCHEDULE**

Failure to leave a properly filled and labeled sample bottle when requested: \$50

Failure to leave a properly filled out manifest: \$50

Failure to leave the discharge area clean: \$100

Discharging at a rate over 900 gpm and tripping alarm more than twice per month: \$100

Repeatedly clogging the receiving station: \$100

Discharging load anywhere than the designated receiving station and a three month suspension of disposal privileges: \$500

Repeat violations are subject to escalating fines at the discretion of Fox Metro WRD. Repeat is defined as happen more than twice in a rolling 6 month timeframe.

Excessive violations may be cause for permit suspension or revocation.

Fox Metro shall in accordance with Ordinance 864 recover the costs for any investigations and additional compliance monitoring by charging the Permittee for sampling, analysis, and reporting fees for the samples collected pursuant to any noncompliance event or discharge permit compliance evaluation.

### **ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS**

The above listed rules and regulations are in addition to Fox Metro Ordinances #451 & #461 governing hauled septic and “special” wastes and Industrial Wastewater Pretreatment Ordinance #864. Haulers must also comply with all Federal, State and Local regulations they are subject to.

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

For questions regarding these rules and regulations, your Fox Metro permit to discharge, or other concerns, please contact:

Mike Tucker

Environmental Compliance Technician

mtucker@foxmetro.org

630-301-6855