



City of East Grand Forks

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STORMWATER BMPs – SANITARY SEWER BACK-UPS

AFFECTED FACILITIES

These Best Management Practices (BMPs) apply to all municipal sanitary sewer systems and facilities.

BACKGROUND

The back-up of a sanitary sewer can result in the discharge of raw sewage to surface waters. This is both a threat to human health and to the environment. Back-ups, while rare, can involve large volumes of wastewater and can pose a substantial threat to the receiving surface waters.

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

- Stop the discharge as quickly as possible.
- Report all large sanitary sewer back-ups to the Wastewater Department immediately.
- Do not pump sewage back-ups, disinfectant or disinfected sewage into streets, storm drains, ditches or surface waters.
- When a back-up occurs, disinfect the contaminated area, take every effort to ensure that sewage, disinfectant and disinfected sewage is not discharged into a storm drain or ditch. Methods may include:
 - ✓ Blocking storm drain inlets and catch basins.
 - ✓ Containing and diverting sewage and disinfectant away from open channels and other storm drain fixtures.
 - ✓ Removing the material with vacuum equipment.
- Do not clean tools or equipment in or near surface waters or over storm drains or drainage ditches.
- When the emergency response actions are complete, inspect the flow path of the discharge. Identify any areas that may have experienced soil erosion and need repair and make a plan to repair them.

NEW CONSTRUCTION OR RENOVATION REQUIREMENTS

- None

REQUIRED TRAINING

- Train all current and new employees who might be called upon to respond to sanitary sewer back-ups on these BMPs, the Spill Clean-up BMP and the importance of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) annually.
- All contracts must stipulate that contracted employees are trained in these BMPs.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Household Hazardous Waste can be disposed of at:

Polk County Environmental Services Transfer Station

320 Ingersoll Ave
Crookston, MN 56716
Monday - 7:00am to 7:00pm
Tuesday through Friday - 7:00am to 5:30pm

Used motor oil and other waste automotive fluids can be disposed of at:

Public Works Department

1001 Second St. N.E.
East Grand Forks, MN 56721
(218) 773-1313

To report an Illicit Discharge, clogged sewer or for answers to questions regarding these stormwater BMPs please contact:

Public Works Stormwater/Wastewater Department

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