

LEWISTON-AUBURN WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

SEPTIC/HOLDING TANK WASTE DISCHARGE REGULATIONS

Definitions

“Authority”- Lewiston-Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority.

“Septage”- as defined by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection 06-09606-096 Chapter 555 amended January 24, 1989, Standards for the Addition of Septage Wastewater Treatment Facilities shall mean “any waste, refuse, effluent, sludge or other material removed from a septic tank, cesspool, vault privy or similar source which concentrates wastes or to which chemicals have been added.” Thus, wastes from portable or chemical toilets, septic tanks and multiple user systems having sand filters or other treatment units shall be Septage, not holding tank wastes. For the purpose of these regulations, the term “septic wastes” or septic tank “wastes” shall be used in place of “septage”.

“Hauler”- Authority-permitted septage hauler.

“Holding” wastes shall be defined as wastes from solely domestic sources which have not been concentrated or had chemicals added to them.

Permits

Each truck used by a septage hauler to transport wastes to the Authority’s wastewater treatment facility is required to have a permit issued by the Authority. Each permit will include the hauler’s Authority-generated permit number which cannot be transferred to another hauler. Approved haulers will receive a list of any industries approved to haul wastewater by truck to the Authority. This list will be updated as necessary. Septage hauler permit application forms may be obtained by writing or calling the Authority. Each applicant for a permit shall be charged a non-refundable permit fee per vehicle, made payable to the Authority. This payment shall accompany the initial application form.

Permit Renewal

Permit renewal applications will be issued to haulers on an annual basis. Applications for permit renewals shall be received no sooner than 90 days prior to the expiration date. Failure to submit a permit application for renewal is cause for revocation of the hauler’s permission to use the Authority for discharge of trucked wastes.

The Board of the Authority shall annually set a permit renewal fee at its Annual Meeting. The permit fee is charged per vehicle, as mentioned in the previous section. If a septage hauler wishes to add a truck onto their Septage Hauler's Permit before it expires, they shall be charged according to their remaining permit period, rather than the full fee. For example, if a hauler buys a new truck and wishes to add it to their permit two months before it expires, they shall only pay for those two months. When the permit is renewed, the hauler will pay the full fee for that truck.

Permitted Towns

All wastes must be recorded from the town of origin (the point from which the waste was taken). In the event that wastes from multiple portable toilets are combined into a common tank prior to delivery to the Authority, a list indicating where each portable toilet was located is to be provided at the time of discharge to the Authority.

The Authority shall establish a list of towns permitted to use the Authority's septic and holding tank waste receiving facility. Septage haulers who discharge any septic or holding tank waste from an unpermitted town into the Authority's septic and holding tank waste receiving facility without prior approval will be assessed a penalty of twice the current septic waste discharge fee.

Any septage hauler who brings in septic or holding tank waste from an unpermitted town three times in one calendar year shall be prohibited from discharging septic or holding tank waste at the Authority's septic and holding tank waste receiving facility for six months from the last date of discharge.

Trucked Industrial Wastewater

The Authority may accept trucked industrial wastewater under the following conditions:

1. Trucked Industrial Wastewater - The Authority may accept trucked industrial wastewater under the following conditions: The industrial wastewater is generated in Lewiston or Auburn, Maine; or is approved for discharge by the LAWPCA board of directors (Board) and meets all permit requirements that the Board deems appropriate. All companies bringing in trucked industrial wastewater from outside of Lewiston or Auburn will be reviewed by the Board to determine whether their contribution makes financial sense to the Authority, and it will be determined whether they will be approved or permitted for discharge.
2. The industrial user has demonstrated to the Authority that the wastewater is not hazardous waste under Maine or federal law; and
3. The wastewater to be discharged is in compliance with the Authority's limits and where applicable, federal categorical limits on industrial wastewater; and

4. The industrial wastewater is subject to a discharge fee per gallon, as determined by the Authority; and
5. The volume of wastewater would not exceed the Authority's capacity to receive it (for example, not more than one 5000 gallon truck load per day); and
6. Each discharger of trucked industrial waste must have written permission from the Authority prior to discharge.

Permit Revocation

Any Authority-issued permit granted in accordance with these regulations may be subject to revocation by the Authority on the basis of failure to pay proper charges, use of unauthorized disposal sites, failure to meet sanitation standards, non-renewal of the hauler's permit, discharging industrial wastewater from a non-authorized industrial user, or the discharging of any other wastes that damage or interfere with the Authority's wastewater treatment facility or sludge management program.

Discharge Fees

The fee for discharging septic tank wastes, holding tank wastes and trucked industrial wastewater into the Authority's wastewater treatment facility shall be established yearly by the Authority's Board of Directors. The septage hauler will be billed monthly based upon the volume of wastes discharged to the Authority within that time frame.

Discharge Requirements

All trucks must be equipped with a suitable discharge hose. Alternatively, haulers may use the discharge hose supplied by the Authority for discharging septic/holding tank wastes into the Authority's septage receiving station. This hose shall be attached to the hauler's coupling device on the truck. The Authority will consider failure by the hauler to use a suitable discharge hose as grounds for refusing a hauler's load.

Haulers must discharge the septic/holding tank waste through the bar rack in the septage receiving station. Haulers are responsible for cleaning the bar rack and disposing of the screenings in a container supplied by the Authority. The Authority will consider failure to clean the bar rack after use as grounds for refusing any subsequent loads from a hauler.

Any spillage of truck contents on the Authority grounds may constitute a health hazard as well as a nuisance. Clean-up of such spillage is the responsibility of the hauler. The Authority shall provide a water hose for clean-up of spilled truck contents at the septage receiving station.

Due to safety and health reasons, haulers are prohibited from pressure-discharging septic/holding tank wastes into the receiving station. All haulers must have an operational

sight gauge with marks indicating the volume in gallons of liquid carried in the truck tank.

All haulers must have a valid Maine Department of Environmental Protection Non-hazardous Waste Transporter's License for each truck used to transport septic/holding wastes or industrial wastewater to the Authority.

All haulers must have liability insurance coverage for each vehicle used to haul septic/holding tank wastes and/or industrial wastewater to the Authority.

Septic and holding tank wastes are accepted between the hours of 7:00am to 3:30pm Monday and Wednesday, and 7:00am to 5:00pm on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The Authority recognizes that unusual circumstances may require exceptions and is willing to work with all haulers as long as there is advance notification. Any hauler wishing to discharge over 10,000 gallons of septic tank waste in one day must provide 24- hour advance notification to the Authority. This gives Authority personnel time to make sure that the Authority's wastewater treatment processes can handle the load(s) without upset and that Authority permit conditions will not be violated.

All septic haulers are prohibited from discharging septic and holding tank waste to the Authority that exceeds 30 days from the date it was pumped. A penalty fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) per slip will be assessed to violators.

Harmful Septic or Holding Tank Wastes Shall Be Refused

Septic or holding tank wastes which are harmful to the Authority's treatment processes or sludge disposal practices shall not be accepted. Certain industrial wastes, septic or holding tank wastes containing toxic chemicals, extreme pH (such as acids), grease trap wastes, flammable substances (such as gasoline), or corrosive materials in concentrations deemed harmful to the wastewater treatment operation, at the sole discretion of the Authority, shall be refused.

Emergency Situations

In the event that septic or holding tank waste from a resident in a permitted town must be discharged at the Authority during non-business hours, or during a period when the Authority has stopped receiving septic and holding tank wastes, the town's Code Enforcement Officer or other responsible public safety official must contact the Authority at (207) 782-0917 to verify the emergency.

Discharge Slips

Official Lewiston-Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority Septic and Holding Tank Discharge Record slips must accompany every load. These slips require signatures (or notation by the hauler that "no one was home"), addresses, and telephone numbers of each customer. (In the event that the homeowner objects to giving either their telephone

number or address, the hauler may provide the Authority with a means by which the Authority may contact the homeowner independently- e.g. without contacting the hauler.) Each Discharge record slip must have the town of origin on it, as well as a designation of what type of waste, either septic or holding, and the name of the hauler on it. If, in the course of a month, the Authority receives more than three (3) incomplete slips, the hauler will be penalized ten dollars (\$10.00) per slip that is improperly filled out.

Septic and Holding Tank Discharge Record slips shall be deposited into the mailbox near the door that is to the left of the Authority's Maintenance Department. In addition, all haulers shall fill out the information requested on the clipboard which is located beside the mailbox.

Sampling of Trucked Wastes

The Authority shall randomly collect and analyze samples of septic/holding tank wastes brought in by haulers. During the time of a sampling event, as indicated by a written notice posted at the septic/holding waste discharge site, septage haulers are required to turn in a sample from each trucked load. Sample cups with labels will be provided in the mailbox that is located at the discharge site. Required on the label is the name of the hauler, date, indication of the type of waste (either "septic" or "holding"), the number of gallons of the load, and the discharge slip number. The samples must be immediately taken inside to the Authority's laboratory and placed in the gray refrigerator.

This sampling is being done to comply with State and Federal regulations. The Authority will consider failure to submit samples as grounds for refusing a hauler's load or for further enforcement actions.

Notification of Temporary Stoppage

The Authority reserves the right to temporarily shut off all septic and holding tank waste and trucked industrial wastewater receiving in the event of adverse plant conditions. An authorized Authority employee shall inform all septage haulers within a reasonable amount of time. In addition, all haulers shall be notified concerning the first day they will be able to resume discharges to the Authority.

Basis Statement

These regulations are to assure that the disposal of septic and holding tank wastes and trucked industrial wastewater at the Lewiston-Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority's Wastewater Treatment Plant is conducted in a safe, efficient manner which protects the physical facilities, does not interfere with the proper operation of the facility, and does not interfere with sludge or effluent quality.

Severability

If any provisions of these regulations shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of these regulations which shall be hereby declared severable.

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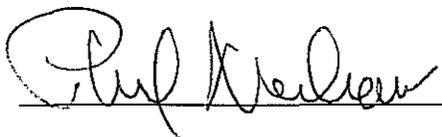
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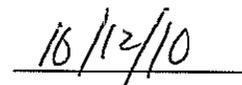
To All Septage Haulers:

Transmitted herewith are the “Septic and Holding Tank Waste Discharge Regulations” for the Lewiston-Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority. These Regulations supersede any previous regulations for this purpose. It provides a framework for the Authority and the septage haulers discharging into the Lewiston-Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority’s wastewater treatment facility.

This policy will be revised and updated as requirements by Federal, State and local statutes affecting the Lewiston-Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority are revised.



Phil Nadeau,
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Lewiston-Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority



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