



Advisory

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Subject:

Sanitary and storm drain connections

Background:

The **storm water drainage system** is a network of drains, pipes and ponds designed to channel storm water directly to our rivers. This prevents the unnecessary treatment of storm water and potential to overload wastewater treatment facilities.

The **sanitary drainage system** is a network of drains and pipes designed to channel sewage to the city's wastewater treatment facilities. Release of sewage into the storm drainage system is prohibited. This prevents contaminants from entering our rivers.

Advisory:

It is an offence to allow any banned material into the storm and sanitary drainage systems. Cross-connection of the storm and sanitary systems is prohibited, as per the City of Calgary's Wastewater and Drainage Bylaws and Alberta Environment. It is the sole responsibility of any contractor working within The City of Calgary' to ensure that the connections made from any structure to the municipal sanitary and storm systems are correct.

Note:

The City of Calgary Bylaw 37M2005 outlines prohibited materials discharged to the storm system. Examples of prohibited materials drained to the storm system include: soil, waste, animal waste, fecal matter, cooking oils, greases, gasoline, motor oil, transmission fluids, solvents, paint, cement, sawdust, yard waste, pesticides, biomedical waste, hazardous waste, soaps, odorous materials, detergents and water from hot tubs.

Many of the items listed above cannot be discharged to the sanitary system; please refer to The City of Calgary's Wastewater Bylaw schedule "A" prohibited substances. Fines for violations range between \$75 and \$3,000 for the first offence.

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