PROHIBITED AND ALLOWED DISCHARGES INTO SURFACE AND STORMWATER SYSTEM

Per City of Burien Ordinance 528, Burien Municipal Code (BMC) 13.10.240 (Illicit discharges and connections), the following are prohibited and allowed discharges into surface and stormwater or ground water.

**Prohibited Discharges:**

(a) Trash or debris.

(b) Construction materials.

(c) Petroleum products including but not limited to oil, gasoline, grease, fuel oil, and heating oil.

(d) Antifreeze and other automotive products.

(e) Metal in either particulate or dissolved form.

(f) Flammable or explosive materials.

(g) Radioactive material.

(h) Batteries.

(i) Acids, alkalis or bases.

(j) Paints, stains, resins, lacquers or varnishes.

(k) Degreasers and solvents.

(l) Drain cleaners.

(m) Pesticides, herbicides or fertilizers.

(n) Steam cleaning wastes.

(o) Soaps, detergents or ammonia.
(p) Swimming pool backwash.
(q) Chlorine, bromine and other disinfectants.
(r) Heated water.
(s) Domestic animal wastes.
(t) Sewage.
(u) Recreational vehicle waste.
(v) Animal carcasses.
(w) Food wastes.
(x) Bark and other fibrous materials.
(y) Collected lawn clippings, leaves, or branches.
(z) Silt, sediment or gravel.
(aa) Dyes, except as stated in subsection (3)(a) of (BMC) 13.10.240.
(bb) Chemicals not normally found in uncontaminated water.
(cc) Any hazard materials or wastes not listed here.

**Allowed Discharges:**
(a) Spring water.
(b) Diverted stream flows.
(c) Uncontaminated water from crawl space pumps, foundation and footing drains.
(d) Lawn watering with potable water or collected rainwater.
(e) Pump ground water flows that are uncontaminated.
(f) Material placed as part of an approved habitat restoration or bank stabilization project.
(g) Natural uncontaminated surface water or ground water.
(h) Flows from riparian habitats and wetlands.
(i) The following discharges from boats: engine exhaust; cooling waters; effluent from sinks; shower and laundry facilities; and type I and type II marine sanitation devices.

(j) collected rainwater that is uncontaminated.

(k) Uncontaminated groundwater that seeps into or otherwise enters stormwater conveyance systems.

(l) Air Conditioning condensation.

(m) Irrigation water from agricultural sources that is commingled with 550 stormwater runoff.

(n) Other types of discharges as determined by the director.

The City also considers any man-made conveyance connected to surface, storm, or groundwater without a permit as an illicit (prohibited) connection. Violations for illicit discharges and/or connections may result in a fine or other penalty.

The 2009 King County Stormwater Pollution Prevention Manual has been adopted, which has information on Best Management Practices (BMPs) to prevent prohibited discharges listed above for property owners, business owners, and local residents. The proper implementation of BMPs can result in reducing the amount of contaminants in stormwater runoff and improving water quality. The 2009 King County Stormwater Pollution Prevention Manual is available online at:


If you have any questions about this information, or to report a spill or other prohibited discharges, contact Dan O’Brien, Surface Water Management Engineer, at (206) 248-5538 or stormwater@burienwa.gov

Thank you for protecting our environment and water quality.