

RUMFORD-MEXICO SEWERAGE DISTRICT (RMSD)
USE OF PUBLIC SEWERS
For the Towns of Rumford, Mexico and Dixfield.

Rumford-Mexico Sewerage District Charter: Sec 12. Right to inspect; rules and regulations; injunctive relief.

“The officers or agents of the District shall have the right to enter all premises from which any building sewer or building drain is connected with any part of the District’s facilities or with any sewer system connection with the facilities of the District, at all reasonable hours upon proper notice, for inspection of plumbing and sewage fixtures, to ascertain the quantity and character of sewage discharged and the manner of discharge’ and to enforce this Act and the rules and regulations prescribed by the Trustees of the District.”

“The Trustees shall adopt reasonable rules and regulations relative to its sewerage system, including without limitation, regulations as to the quantity and character of any sewage, drainage or other wastes discharged into any sewerage system connecting with its sewerage system but the regulations shall at least meet the minimum standards prescribed by the State Environmental Improvement Commission (ME DEP). Rules and regulations adopted by the Trustees shall be published, from time to time, in suitable form and be available for distribution to interested persons.”

“The Trustees may require industrial pretreatment of wastes discharged into its sewerage system or into any system connecting with it if the Trustees determine such wastes may interfere with or cause damage to its sewage treatment process.”

“In addition to any other remedy, the Superior Court shall have jurisdiction upon a complaint filed by the District to restrain or enjoin any person, firm, corporation or municipality from committing any act which may damage or impair its sewage treatment or which is prohibited by any rule or regulation of the District. The District may seek the injunction as provided in this section without first, resorting to any other form of proceedings or procedure.”

Rumford-Mexico Sewerage District rules and regulations:

A. Unpolluted Water Prohibited in Public Sanitary Sewer:

No person shall discharge, or cause to be discharged, any unpolluted waters such as storm water, surface water, ground water, roof run off, sump pumps, foundation drains, subsurface drainage, cooling water, or unpolluted industrial process water, to any sanitary sewer.

B. Dilution:

No User shall ever increase the use of process water, or in any way attempt to dilute a discharge, as a partial or complete substitute for adequate treatment to achieve compliance with a discharge limitation unless expressly authorized by an applicable Pretreatment Standard or Requirement.

C. Prohibited Discharge Standards:

1. General Prohibitions. No User shall introduce or cause to be introduced into the RMSD any pollutant or wastewater which causes Pass Through or Interference. These general prohibitions apply to all Users of the RMSD whether they are subject to categorical Pretreatment Standards or any other National, State, or local Pretreatment Standards or Requirements.

2. Specific Prohibitions. No User shall introduce or cause to be introduced into the RMSD the following pollutants, substances, or wastewater:

- (1) Pollutants which create a fire or explosive hazard in the RMSD, including, but not limited to, waste streams with a closed-cup flashpoint of less than 140 degrees F (60 degrees C) using the test methods specified in 40 CFR 261.21;
- (2) Wastewater having a pH less than 6.0 or more than 9.0, or otherwise causing corrosive structural damage to the RMSD or equipment, unless otherwise approved by the Superintendent;
- (3) Solid or viscous substances in amounts which will cause obstruction of the flow in the RMSD resulting in Interference;
- (4) Any garbage that has not been properly shredded.
- (5) Pollutants, including oxygen-demanding pollutants (BOD, etc.), released in a discharge at a flow rate and/or pollutant concentration which, either singly or by interaction with other pollutants, will cause Interference with the RMSD;
- (6) Wastewater having a temperature greater than 120°F (120 degrees F) 50°C (50 degrees C), or which will inhibit biological activity in the treatment plant resulting in Interference, but in no case wastewater which causes the temperature at the introduction into the treatment plant to exceed 86°F(86 degrees F) 30°C (30 degrees C);
- 7) Petroleum oil, non-biodegradable cutting oil, or products of mineral oil origin, in amounts that will cause Interference or Pass Through;
- (8) Pollutants which result in the presence of toxic gases, vapors, or fumes within the RMSD in a quantity that may cause acute worker health and safety problems;
- (9) Noxious or malodorous liquids, gases, solids, or other wastewater which, either singly or by interaction with other wastes, are sufficient to create a public nuisance or a hazard to life, or to prevent entry into the sewers for maintenance or repair;
- (10) Wastewater which imparts color which cannot be removed by the treatment process, such as, but not limited to, dye wastes and vegetable tanning solutions, which consequently impairs color of the treatment plant's effluent, thereby violating the RMSD's MEPDES permit;
- (11) Wastewater containing any radioactive wastes or isotopes except in compliance with applicable State or Federal regulations;
- (12) Storm Water, surface water, ground water, artesian well water, roof runoff, subsurface drainage, condensate, deionized water, Noncontact Cooling Water, and unpolluted wastewater, unless specifically authorized by the ME DEP and the RMSD Superintendent;
- (13) Sludges, screenings, or other residues from the pretreatment of industrial wastes;
- (14) Medical and Dental Wastes, except as specifically authorized by the Superintendent in an individual wastewater discharge permit;
- (15) Wastewater causing, alone or in conjunction with other sources, the treatment plant's effluent to fail toxicity test;
- (16) Detergents, surface-active agents, or other substances which that might cause excessive foaming in the RMSD;
- (17) Fats, oils, or greases of animal or vegetable origin in concentrations greater than 100 ml/g;
- (18) Any water or waste containing fats, wax, grease or oils, whether emulsified or not, in excess of one hundred (100) mg/l or containing substances which may solidify or become viscous at temperatures between 32°F and 120°F (0° and 50°C).
- (19) Waste from septic or holding tanks must be hauled directly to the RMSD and discharged into the Septic Holding tank unless specified otherwise by the RMSD operator.

D. Notification Requirements

1. The RMSD Superintendent is authorized to establish Local Reporting Requirements to protect against Pass Through and Interference. Such requirements shall be reviewed and modified periodically as required by the District's MEPDES Permit.
2. Any spill of Sanitary Sewer **from a structure belonging to the RMSD** shall be reported to the Rumford Fire Department or Mexico Fire Department as soon as practical and within 24 hours of the event. The RMSD must be notified immediately after Rumford Fire Department or Mexico Fire Department. If after hours or during the weekend, the RMSD duty person can be reached by pager 471-1392. Formal written reporting is the responsibility of the RMSD Superintendent.
3. No person shall perform a sewer dye study upstream of the RMSD sewer collection system prior to a 24-hour notification to RMSD. All dyes must be approved for use by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection and must be non-toxic.
- d. No person shall vacuum out a restaurant or school kitchen sump in excess of 300 gallons for disposal at RMSD without a 24-hour notification and prior approval from the RMSD Superintendent.
4. No person shall perform any sewer line maintenance work such as "rodding," "blasting" or pipe replacement upstream of the RMSD collection system prior to a 24-hour notification to RMSD. It is the responsibility of the upstream user(s) to keep accurate as-built drawings of any sewer line or manhole replacement projects within their jurisdiction.

Sec. 14. Injury to property of the District.

"Any person who shall place, discharge or leave any offensive or injurious matter or material on or in the conduits, catch basins or receptacles of the District contrary to its regulations, or shall willfully injure any conduit, pipe, reservoir, flush tank, catch basin, manhole, outlet, engine, pump or other property held, owned or used by the District shall be liable to pay twice the amount of damages to the District, to be recovered in any proper action; and such person, on conviction of any of said acts or willful injury aforesaid and any person who violates section 12 shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$200 or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or by both."