



Sunnyvale

Water Pollution Control Plant  
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## REQUEST TO DISCHARGE GROUNDWATER TO THE SANITARY SEWER

In the City of Sunnyvale, all groundwater discharges to the sanitary sewer are prohibited by Sunnyvale Municipal Code Section 12.12.050. *Prohibitions on discharge of storm drainage and groundwater into sewer—Exceptions.*

In an effort to facilitate groundwater clean-up activities, construction de-watering projects and storm water collection areas, the City's Compliance Inspection Program may grant approval to discharge groundwater and/or rainwater to the sanitary sewer when no reasonable alternative method of disposal is available. If approval is granted for the discharge to the sanitary sewer, the user shall pay the applicable user charges and fees and meet other such conditions as may be required by the City.

In order to request approval of one-time or annual groundwater discharges (resulting from well drilling and development, pump tests, well purging and sampling, construction de-watering, treated groundwater and other similar activities), the attached form must be completed and submitted at least 10 working days prior to the date you wish to begin discharging. If the discharge is approved, you will receive a written approval with conditions, which must be met during and after the discharge. You must receive the written approval before discharging. The approval may be withdrawn and you may be subject to civil or criminal penalties. If the approval is found to have been obtained through false information or if there is an unapproved deviation from the terms and conditions under which it was granted, the approval will be rescinded. Any deviation from the circumstances described in the request (such as a substantial increase in the number of gallons to be discharged) must be reported immediately, at which time the approval to discharge will be re-evaluated.

All questions on the groundwater discharge request form must be answered or marked "not applicable". Incomplete requests will be returned unprocessed.

Listed on the next page is the fee schedule for approved discharges to the sanitary sewer. Upon closure of the groundwater approval, the applicant will receive an invoice by the City's Finance Department for a collection of funds.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 1. Discharge Requested By:** Approval to discharge may be requested by: a consultant, coordinating party, or individual company. The person or party requesting the discharge holds all liability.
- 2. Discharge Location:** The discharge location is the company (or former company) and street addresses where the discharge will occur.
- 3. Proposed Discharge Point:** The proposed discharge point must be a cleanout or other building sewer connection located on the discharger's property. Sunnyvale Municipal Code Section 12.12.100 prohibits the discharge of any substance directly into a City manhole.
- 4. One Time Discharge/ Annual Discharge:** A discharge is considered a one-time discharge if it occurs over a short period of time and is related to one incident. For example, a continuous discharge for a short period of time from one source related to a development or a known volume of collected groundwater is considered a one-time discharge. An annual discharge would occur over an unspecified time (not to exceed

one year) and may need specific monitoring conditions. Examples are the approved discharge of a groundwater treatment system or extended de-watering at a construction site.

5. **Source of Discharge:** You may attach a separate sheet giving additional information about the discharge. More information will help us better evaluate your request. In any case, a discharge marked, as “other” must be described in detail.
6. **Contaminants and Concentrations:** In order to approve the discharge, we must be reasonably certain that it will not:
  - A) Exceed the discharge limits in Sunnyvale Municipal Code Section 12.12.120
  - B) Create a nuisance or damage the sewer system
  - C) Endanger workers in the sewer system or at the Water Pollution Control Plant

A copy of an analysis of a groundwater/rain water sample representative of the proposed discharge must be submitted with the request. If an analysis is not available, historic site information or analytical results from a nearby well may be submitted.

### APPLICABLE FEES FOR DISCHARGE

#### One-Time Discharge Permit

<u>Gallons</u>	<u>Fees</u>
1-10,000	\$979.00
10,001-50,000	\$1,329.00
50,001-100,000	\$1,766.00
100,001-200,000	\$2,640.00
200,001-300,000	\$3,514.00
300,001-400,000	\$4,389.00
400,001-500,000	\$5,263.00
> 500,000	Calculated to actual volume (\$6.54/ccf)

#### Annual Discharge Permit

<u>Gallons</u>	<u>Fees</u>
1-10,000	\$1,515.00
10,001-50,000	\$1,865.00
50,001-100,000	\$2302.00
100,001-200,000	\$3,177.00
200,001-300,000	\$4,051.00
300,001-400,000	\$4,925.00
400,001-500,000	\$5,800.00
> 500,000	Calculated to actual volume (\$6.54/ccf)

*If you have any questions regarding Sunnyvale’s groundwater discharge policy or the discharge request form, please call the Environmental Compliance Inspection Program at (408) 730-7270.*