



**NOTICE TO CITY OF BROKEN ARROW
COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SANITARY SEWER CUSTOMERS**

Effective August 21, 2019, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a final rule that prohibits the discharge of any hazardous waste pharmaceutical or Drug Enforcement Agency controlled substance to the sanitary sewer (e.g., no disposal down the drain and no flushing). This regulation applies to all healthcare related facilities.

Healthcare facilities that are prohibited from discharging these wastes include but are not limited to: ambulance services, ambulatory surgical centers, chiropractors, dental providers, health clinics, hospitals, long-term care facilities, military medical logistics facilities, optical providers, pharmacies (including long-term care and mail order), physician offices, psychiatric hospitals, retailers of pharmaceuticals, 3rd party logistics providers, veterinary clinics & hospitals, and wholesale distributors.

Hazardous Waste Pharmaceutical means a pharmaceutical that is a solid waste (includes liquids), as defined in 40 CFR Section 261.2 and exhibits one or more characteristics identified in part 261 subpart C or is a listed hazardous waste in part 261 subpart D. The City of Broken Arrow strongly recommends that in addition to hazardous waste pharmaceuticals, no pharmaceuticals be disposed of by flushing or dumping down a drain.

In accordance with Section 24-500 of the City of Broken Arrow Municipal Code, the following notification is to inform businesses of obligations under Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulation Part 266, Standards for the Management of Specific Hazardous Wastes:

No healthcare facility shall discharge any prohibited pharmaceuticals to the City of Broken Arrow Sanitary Sewer System. Discharge of such wastes is a violation of the City Wastewater Pretreatment Program Regulations found in Chapter 24, Article V of the City of Broken Arrow Municipal Code.

Additional Note: Discharges of hazardous waste into the City of Broken Arrow Sanitary Sewer System are prohibited. If any commercial, government, or industry discharges any hazardous waste to the City of Broken Arrow sanitary sewer system they must report such discharges to the City of Broken Arrow Pretreatment Office, as specified in Section 24-511(i)(1),(3) of the City Code.

For more information on the Management Standards for Hazardous Waste Pharmaceuticals go to: www.epa.gov/hwgenerators/final-rule-management-standards-hazardous-waste-pharmaceuticals-and-amendment-p075

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