

Sewer Disposal Guidelines

Only non-hazardous liquids that will not interfere with the sewage treatment system are allowed down the sanitary sewer drain. Click on a category below to determine if the material can be disposed of in the sanitary sewer drain at UCI.

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Do not dispose of hazardous waste using sinks, drains, intentional evaporation, or as regular trash.

Category	Can it be disposed of in the sanitary sewer drain?	Waste Management
Biohazardous Liquids	Yes, if decontaminated.	Liquid biohazardous waste must be decontaminated by mixing 1 part household bleach to 9 parts liquid waste and waiting 30 minutes prior to sanitary sewer drain disposal.
Corrosive liquids with a pH greater than 2.0 and less than 12.5	No, unless the pH has been adjusted and there are no other hazardous constituents.	There are 2 disposal options: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Adjust the pH to greater than 6.0 and less than 12 and dispose of the waste in the sanitary sewer drain.2. Submit a Chemical Waste Collection or Text a Pickup.
Corrosive liquids with a pH of 2.0 or lower or pH of 12.5 or higher	No	Do not adjust the pH. Submit a Chemical Waste Collection or Text a Pickup .
Ethanol	No, if the concentration is greater than 24%. Yes, if the concentration is less than 24%.	Submit a Chemical Waste Collection or Text a Pickup . Ethanol at a concentration of less than 24% can be disposed of in the sanitary sewer drain. Dilution of waste for disposal is illegal.

Category	Can it be disposed of in the sanitary sewer drain?	Waste Management
Grease and Oil	No, unless the concentration is less than 100 mg per liter.	For higher concentrations, submit a Chemical Waste Collection or Text a Pickup . Dilution of waste for disposal is illegal.
Hazardous Chemical Liquids	No	Submit a Chemical Waste Collection or Text a Pickup .
Hydrogen Peroxide	No, if the concentration is greater than 8%. Yes, if the concentration is less than 8%.	Submit a Chemical Waste Collection or Text a Pickup . Hydrogen Peroxide at a concentration of less than 8% can be disposed of in the sanitary sewer drain. Dilution of waste for disposal is illegal.
Paint, Latex or Oil Based	No	Submit a Chemical Waste Collection or Text a Pickup .
Pharmaceuticals	No	Submit a Chemical Waste Collection or Text a Pickup .
Photo And X-Ray Processor Chemicals	No	Submit a Chemical Waste Collection or Text a Pickup .
Radioactive Liquids	No	Submit a Radioactive Waste Collection .
Solids or Viscous Substances	No	Place non-hazardous solids or viscous substances in the regular trash. For hazardous solids or viscous substances, submit a Chemical Waste Collection or Text a Pickup .
Trace Metals and Compounds (Liquids Only)	No, unless the concentration is below the threshold limits listed below and there are no other hazardous constituents.	For higher concentrations submit a Chemical Waste Collection or Text a Pickup . Dilution of waste for disposal is illegal.

Trace Metals and Compounds Threshold Limits			
Substance	Limit in mg/L	Substance	Limit in mg/L
Aldrin	0.14	Heptachlor (and its epoxide)	0.008
Antimony / Antimony Compounds	15	Hexachlorobenzene	0.13
Arsenic / Arsenic Compounds	1.4	Hexachlorobutadiene	0.5
Barium / Barium Compounds (excluding barite)	100	Hexachloroethane	3
Benzene	0.5	Kepone	2.1
Beryllium / Beryllium Compounds	0.75	Lead / Lead Compounds	1.5
Cadmium / Cadmium Compounds	0.25	Lindane	0.4
Carbon Tetrachloride	0.5	Mercury / Mercury Compounds	0.03
Chlordane	0.03	Methoxychlor	10
Chlorobenzene	100	Methyl Ethyl Ketone	200
Chloroform	6	Mirex	2.1
Chromium (VI) Compounds	5	Molybdenum / Molybdenum Compounds	2.3
Chromium / Chromium (III) Compounds	5	Nickel / Nickel Compounds	3.2
Cobalt / Cobalt Compounds	80	Nitrobenzene	2
Copper / Copper Compounds	3	Pentachlorophenol	1.7
Cresol	200	Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs)	0.01
Cresol (-m)	200	Pyridine	5
Cresol (-o)	200	Selenium / Selenium Compounds	.14
Cresol (-p)	200	Silver / Silver Compounds	2.2
D (2,4-)	10	Tetrachlorethylene	0.7
DDT, DDE, DDD	0.1	Thallium / Thallium Compounds	7
Dichlorobenzene (1,4-)	7.5	Toxaphene	0.5
Dichloroethane (1,2-)	0.5	TP (Silvex) (2,4,5-)	1
Dichloroethylene (1,1-)	0.7	Trichloroethylene	0.5
Dichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2,4-)	10	Trichlorophenol (2,4,5-)	400
Diethyl	0.8	Trichlorophenol (2,4,6-)	2
Dinitrotoluene (2,4-)	0.13	Trichlorophenoxypropionic Acid (2,4,5-)	1
Dioxin (2,3,7,8-TCDD)	0.001	Vanadium / Vanadium Compounds	24
Endrin	0.02	Vinyl Chloride	0.2
Fluoride Salts	180	Zinc / Zinc Compounds	9.2