

ARTICLE 8 PROHIBITIONS

8-1 GENERAL: It shall be unlawful for any person to cause or to attempt to cause, or to permit, solicit, aid or abet any other person to cause or attempt to cause, by act or omission, any of the following:

8-1-1 FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH RULES AND REGULATIONS - Failure or refusal to comply with any requirement imposed in these Rules and Regulations.

8-1-2 VIOLATION OF INCORPORATED PROVISIONS - Any violation of or failure to comply with any applicable requirement of Denver Water or MWRD. (Cross reference: 1-9 CONNECTION TO OTHER SYSTEMS AND INCORPORATION OF STANDARDS BY REFERENCE)

8-1-3 GROUNDWATER, SURFACE WATER - Any groundwater, storm water, roof runoff, cooling water, subsurface drainage, air-conditioning wastewater, polluted or unpolluted industrial process waters, or any surface water of any kind or nature to enter the District System. (Cross reference: 3-6-10 Infiltration; 9A-8 CERTAIN DRAINS PROHIBITED)

8-1-4 UNAUTHORIZED CONNECTION - Make any connection to any District facility without all District Permits required therefor by these Rules and Regulations. (Cross reference: 3-7-1 Unauthorized Connection; Article 5 SERVICE APPLICATIONS AND PERMITS)

8-1-5 UNAUTHORIZED DISCHARGE - Discharge into the District System without a permit or in violation of the terms of any Permit provided by these Rules and Regulations. This prohibition applies, without limitation, to the discharge of wastewater from recreational vehicles, trailers or any other mobile source. (Cross reference: 3-7-2 Unauthorized Use or Discharge)

8-1-6 ESCAPE OF WASTEWATER - The escape of any wastewater from the District Sewer System.
(Cross reference: 3-7-10 Escape of Water or Wastewater)

8-1-7 WASTE OF WATER - The waste of any water through failure to make prompt repairs to faulty plumbing, through excessive lawn sprinkling, or otherwise.

8-1-8 SALE OF WATER - The sale or exchange for value of water obtained through the District System.

8-1-9 UNAUTHORIZED ENTRY - Opening of or entry into any District facility without District authorization. (Cross reference: 3-7-9 Unauthorized Entry)

8-1-10 FOREIGN MATERIALS - The entry of any foreign materials into any water or sewer facility, public or private. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, no person shall discharge, cause to be discharged, or permit to be discharged any ashes, cinders, sand, mud, straw, shavings, metal, glass, rags, feathers, tar, plastic, wood, paunch manure or any solid or viscous substance capable of causing obstruction to the flow in sewers or other interference with the proper and normal operation of the Sewer System. (Cross reference: 3-7-2 Unauthorized Use or Discharge)

8-1-11 DISCHARGE THROUGH TAPS ONLY - The entry of any wastewater into the District Sewer System except through a Tap or Service Connection duly authorized by the District for the uses actually made thereof. This provision shall specifically include, without limitation, discharging any wastewater into the District System through manholes. (Cross reference: 3-7-1 Unauthorized Connection; 3-7-2 Unauthorized Use or Discharge; 3-7-3 Interceptor Violations; 3-7-9 Unauthorized Entry)

8-1-12 RIGHT OF WAY/EASEMENT VIOLATIONS - Constructing, installing, or placing any structures or improvements of any kind, surface or subsurface, temporary or permanent, or planting any tree, woody plant or nursery stock of any kind within the boundaries of any District Right of Way or Easement in violation of the terms or conditions of such Right of Way or Easement, without express written authorization from the District. For purposes of this provision, the term "structures" includes but is not necessarily limited to buildings, improved walkways, roads, curbs, gutters, sprinkling systems, other utility facilities including those for cable TV, fences, walls, pools, ponds, water features, athletic playing fields or courts, berms and any and all other earthen improvements, including but not limited to grades providing lateral support to any building or other structure, whether or not such structure is itself within the boundaries of the Right of Way or Easement. (Cross reference: 3-7-8 Easement Violations)

8-1-13 INTERFERENCE - Any interference with employees or agents of the District in the performance of their duties. (Cross reference: 3-7-5 Interference; Failure to Permit Inspection)

8-1-14 TAMPERING - Bypassing, breaking, damaging, destroying, removing, uncovering, altering, defacing, or otherwise tampering with any portion of the District System. (Cross reference: 3-7-7 Tampering)

8-1-15 OBSTRUCTING FLOW - Any act that obstructs or is reasonably likely to obstruct the flow of water or wastewater in the District System. (Cross reference: 3-7-7 Tampering)

8-1-16 VIOLATION OF TERMINATION/SUSPENSION ORDER - The entry of any wastewater into the District System in violation of a Suspension or Termination Order

under Section 3-4. (Cross reference: 3-4-3 Execution of Order; 3-7-16 Violation of Suspension/Termination Order)

8-1-17 FALSE OFFICIAL STATEMENT; REPORT - The making or filing with the District of any statement, report or application by a person who knows or has reasonable cause to know that such statement report or application is false or substantially inaccurate, or the omission of any material fact in connection with such statement, report or application when the omission leaves the remainder of the information given misleading or substantially inaccurate. (Cross reference: 1-13 DUTY TO REPORT; 3-7-17 False Official Statement; 5-2-1 Approval Standards; 5-2-3 Revocation; 5-10-1 Permit Required; 6-8-1.2 (4) Grantor Requirements; 6-10-1.3 (1) Tap Owner of Record and or Property Owner Requirements; 9A-10 CHANGES IN USE, EQUIPMENT OR SERVICE)

8-1-18 UNAUTHORIZED TAKING - The taking or using of any water from the District System without having made the payments prescribed in these Rules and Regulations.

8-1-19 JEOPARDIZING PURITY OF WATER - The use of any fluid or other substance in such a manner as to present the possibility that such substance could enter the District Water System. This prohibition includes, but is not limited to, the use of poisons, insecticides, pest control products, or lawn and plant food products in conjunction with a lawn sprinkling system in such a manner that such fluids could possibly back-flow into and through the service line and enter the District Water System. Insofar as this Section is applicable to lawn sprinkling systems, its requirements shall be deemed to have been satisfied by the use of backflow prevention devices approved by the Colorado Department of Health, as such approval may change from time to time, in good operating condition. (Cross reference: 3-7-20 Jeopardizing Purity of Water)

8-1-20 FAILURE TO USE METER - The failure of any person required to use a meter to do so, whether by tampering with the meter in some manner, or otherwise. (Cross reference: 3-7-18 Failure to Use Meter)

8-1-21 UNAUTHORIZED JOINING OF TWO OR MORE TAPS - The joining of any two or more taps, allowing a joint use or manifolding of Taps to any District Facility or Service Line connected to any District Facility, without the express authorization therefor by the District. This section does not prohibit arrangements for allocation, collection or reimbursement of water charges between or among occupants of a single permitted premises, including submetering. (Cross reference: 2-35.5 SUBMETER; 3-7-21 Unauthorized Connection of Two or More Taps; 5-1 PERMIT REQUIRED; APPLICATION; 5-4 NON-TRANSFERABILITY OF TAP PERMIT OR TAP FEE; 5-5 MULTIPLE USE OF TAP PROHIBITED; 9A-1 SERVICE LINES)

8-1-22 WATER OR OTHER DISCHARGE FROM UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK (UST) REMEDIATION PROJECTS - The discharge to the District System of any groundwater or other fluid or substance produced or brought to the surface by or in connection with

any groundwater cleanup project at or from a leaking UST site, unless a Permit is first obtained from MWRD, pursuant to MWRD's policies and procedures, and a request is made to, and approved by, the District. (Cross reference: 3-7-2 Unauthorized Use or Discharge; 3-7-10 Infiltration, etc.; 3-7-20 Jeopardizing Purity of Water)

8-1-23 SWIMMING POOLS - Discharge into the District system of: (a) any swimming pool water through the pool drain, and (b) any pool filter backwash effluent, except as expressly permitted under these Rules and Regulations. (Cross reference: 5-10 SWIMMING POOL USE; 9A-4 SWIMMING POOLS)

8-1-24 CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL - The backflow of non-potable water, other liquids or foreign materials into the District System, or the installation of any device which has an effect on inter-connection and cross-connection control without first obtaining District approval thereof.

8-2 SEPARATE VIOLATIONS: For the purposes of this Article 8, a separate and distinct violation shall be deemed committed upon each day or portion thereof that any such violation shall occur or continue.

8-3 CRIMINAL STATUTES: The following sections of the Colorado Revised Statutes are potentially applicable. Any suspected violation may be reported to the Arapahoe County Sheriff and prosecuted in State Courts:

18-4-401	Theft
18-4-501	Criminal Mischief (Damages or destruction of property)
18-4-503 & 504	Trespass
18-5-505 & 506	Tampering(Interruption of Service; unauthorized connection)
18-8-102	Obstructing Government Operation
18-8-106	Refusing Inspection
18-8-111	False Reporting
18-8-113	Impersonating Public Servant
18-8-114	Abuse of Public Records

8-4 PROHIBITED DISCHARGES: No person shall cause to be discharged to the District Sewer System any prohibited discharges as defined herein, except where suitable treatment has been provided in accordance with the provisions of these Rules and Regulations, and local, state and federal regulations.

8-4-1 SPECIFIC PROHIBITIONS - No person shall cause to be discharged, either directly or indirectly, any substance as follows:

8-4-1.1 Any liquids, solids, or gases which, by reason of their nature or quantity, are or may be sufficient, either alone or by interaction with other substances, to cause fire or explosion or be injurious in any other way to the District System or to the MWRD Publicly Owned Treatment Works ("POTW") or to the operation of the District System or the POTW. At no time shall 2 successive readings on any explosion hazard meter, at the point of discharge into the system (or at any point in the system) be more than 5%, nor any single reading over 10% of the Lower Explosive Limit (LEL) of the meter. Prohibited materials include, but are not limited to: gasoline, kerosene, naphtha, benzene, toluene, xylene, ethers, alcohols, ketones, aldehydes, peroxides, chlorates, perchlorates, perchlorates, bromates, carbides, hydrides and sulfides, and any other substances which the MWRD, the State, or EPA has notified the user is a fire hazard or a hazard to the system.

8-4-1.2 Solid or viscous substances which may cause obstruction to the flow in a sewer, or other interference with the operation of the MWRD wastewater treatment facilities, such as, but not limited to: grease, garbage with particles greater than 1/2" in any dimension, animal guts or tissues, paunch manure, bones, hair, hides or fleshing, entrails, whole blood, feathers, ashes, cinders, sand, spent lime, stone or marble dust, metal, glass, straw, shavings, grass clippings, rags, spent grains, spent hops, waste paper, wood, plastics, gas, tar, asphalt residues, residues from refining or processing of fuel or lubricating oil, mud or glass, grinding or polishing wastes, and other like or similar materials.

8-4-1.3 Any wastewater having a pH less than 5.0 or more than 9.0, or wastewater having any other corrosive property capable of causing damage or hazard to structures, equipment, and/or personnel of the District or MWRD.

8-4-1.4 Any wastewater containing toxic pollutants in sufficient quantity, either singly or by interaction with other pollutants, to injure or interfere with any wastewater treatment process, constitute a hazard to humans or animals, create a toxic effect in the receiving waters of the District or MWRD, to contaminate the sludge of any MWRD systems, or to exceed the limitations set forth in a Categorical Pre-treatment Standard. A toxic pollutant shall include, but not be limited to, any pollutant identified pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, 33 U.S.C. 1251, Section 307(a), as amended from time to time, or state law or regulation.

8-4-1.5 Any noxious or malodorous liquids, gases or solids which, either singly or by interaction with other wastes, are sufficient to prevent entry into the sewers for maintenance and repair.

8-4-1.6 Any substance which may cause MWRD's effluent or any other product of the MWRD POTW, such as residues, sludges, or scums, to be unsuitable for

reclamation and reuse or to interfere with the reclamation process. In no case shall a substance discharged to the District's System cause the MWRD POTW to be in non-compliance with the sludge use or disposal criteria, guidelines, or regulations affecting sludge use or disposal.

8-4-1.7 Any substance which will cause the MWRD POTW to violate its NPDES permit or the receiving water quality standards.

8-4-1.8 Any wastewater with objectionable color not removable in the treatment process, including, but not limited to, dye wastes and vegetable tanning solutions.

8-4-1.9 Any pollutants, including oxygen-demanding pollutants (BOD, etc.) which a user knows or has reason to know will cause interference to the MWRD POTW. In no case shall a slug load have a flow rate or contain concentrations or quantities of pollutants that exceed for any time period longer than 15 minutes more than 5 times the average 24-hour concentration, quantities or flow during normal operation.

8-4-1.10 Any wastewater containing any radioactive wastes or isotopes of such half-life or concentration as may exceed limits established by the District in compliance with applicable State Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Radiological Control, published by the Department of Health, State of Colorado.

8-4-1.11 Any wastewater which causes a hazard to human life or creates a public nuisance and is not contained in the wastewater system.

8-4-1.12 Any wastewater having a temperature which will cause the temperature of the influent to the wastewater treatment plant to exceed 104 o F. and/or inhibit the biological activity in the MWRD POTW.

8-4-1.13 Any water or waste which contains grease or oil or any other substances that will solidify or become discernibly viscous at temperatures between 32o F. (0 o C.) and 150 o F. (65.5 o C.).

8-4-1.14 Any water or waste containing free, floating or insoluble oil.

8-4-1.15 Wastes from septic tank pumpage or vaults except at locations permitted in writing by the District.

8-4-1.16 Waters containing garbage that has not been ground or comminuted to such a degree that all particles will be carried freely in suspension under conditions normally prevailing in public sewers. Solid particles shall be no more than 1/2" in any dimension.

8-4-1.17 Unusual concentrations of dissolved solids.

8-4-1.18 Any wastewater containing BOD, total solids, or suspended solids of such character and quantity that unusual attention or expense is required to handle such materials at the wastewater treatment plant; provided, however, that a user may be permitted by specific, written agreement with the MWRD POTW, which agreement to discharge such BOD or TSS may provide for special charges, surcharges, payments or provisions for treating and testing equipment.

8-4-1.19 Ammonia nitrogen, phosphorus or phosphate containing compounds (excluding cleaning compounds), or substances readily converted thereto, in amounts that would cause the MWRD POTW to fail to comply with its NPDES permit.

8-4-1.20 Any materials which would present a health risk to plant personnel or cause the need for unusual protective equipment or precautions under normal work conditions.

8-4-1.21 Any material or substance not specifically mentioned in this Section which in itself is corrosive, irritating or noxious to human beings and animals, or which by interaction with other water or waste in the public sewer system could produce undesirable effects or create any other condition deleterious to structures, treatment processes, and quantity of the receiving stream.

8-4-1.22 Any material or substance which would interfere with the treatment process.

8-5 FEDERAL AND STATE PRETREATMENT STANDARDS: No person shall cause to be discharged, either directly or indirectly, any substance in violation of any Industrial Pretreatment Program adopted by the District.