

# Stormwater Pollution Reporting and Hotline

It is unlawful to discharge to any part of the drainage system, within the city or in any area under the jurisdiction of the city, any pollutants including, but not limited to chemicals, waste material, soil, rocks, glass, garbage, grass clippings, yard waste, and tree limbs. Street sweepers shall not be used to transport any pollutants from the street to the gutter unless the pollutants in the gutter are immediately collected and removed.

See the City ordinance at the bottom of this page for more information restricting discharges to the drainage system.

The best practice for stopping these unlawful discharges is to report them immediately with a complete description of the activity including what, where, and who is committing the act.

The information for a complaint can be submitted via email to Code Enforcement using the complaint form at: [http://www.rcgov.org/pdfs/Code-Enforcement/complaint\\_form.pdf](http://www.rcgov.org/pdfs/Code-Enforcement/complaint_form.pdf)

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Please call the numbers listed below if you witness any discharge of illicit materials into our storm sewer system or waterways. These illicit materials include construction byproducts and debris, paint, yard waste, oil, trash, and any other pollutant which does not belong in our creeks or lakes.

## **Contacts to report unlawful discharges to stormwater system:**

1. City of Rapid City - Code Enforcement: 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (605) 355-3465
2. City of Rapid City – Development Service Center: 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (605) 394-4120
3. City of Rapid City - Engineering Services: 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (605) 394-4154
4. Rapid City Police Department: after hours posted above (605) 394-4131

## **Alternate call number for after hours:**

The spill or release can be reported by contacting (605) 773-3231 during nonbusiness hours. This phone number is South Dakota State Radio, and they will contact appropriate individuals in the event of a release or spill.

CITY OF RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA

CODE OF ORDINANCES: <http://www.amlegal.com/library/sd/rapidcity.shtml>

**CHAPTER 8.50: STORMWATER RUNOFF FROM LANDS MODIFIED BY HUMAN ACTIVITIES**

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**8.50.010 Definitions.**

The following terms and phrases are defined and shall be interpreted as such throughout this chapter, unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning. Terms not defined in this section shall have the meaning customarily assigned to them.

- A. **DRAINAGE SYSTEM.** Including, but not limited to street curb and gutter, storm sewer pipes and catch basins, channels, detention ponds, and natural waterways.
- B. **EROSION CONTROL .** A measure that prevents erosion.
- C. **IMPERVIOUS SURFACE.** Any surface which allows little or no water penetration.
- D. **SEDIMENT CONTROL.** A measure that prevents eroded materials from leaving the site.
- E. **STORMWATER.** Surface runoff generated from rain or snowmelt.

(Ord. 5357, 2007)

#### **8.50.020 Discharge of pollutants into the drainage system prohibited.**

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#### **8.50.030 Erosion and sediment control measures.**

All sites, including, but not limited to, construction sites, vacant lots or homes without landscaping, shall maintain erosion and sediment control measures to prevent soil from going offsite into the public rights-of-way and into the drainage system. These control measures shall be repaired within 24 hours of notice of failure. (Ord. 5357, 2007)

#### **8.50.040 Stabilization of vacant lots and new building sites.**

Vacant lots and new building sites shall be maintained and stabilized to prevent debris transport by mechanisms including, but not limited to, wind or water erosion and trackout to public rights-of-way. No dumping or washout of debris onto a vacant lot is allowed without written permission of the lot owner. Effective permanent control measures, such as seeding and mulching the disturbed area, shall be implemented immediately after the work is completed in the area, but in no case later than 14 days after the construction activity has stopped. Stabilization measures must also be taken on exposed areas where construction activities have temporarily stopped and are not expected to occur again for at least 21 days. (Ord. 5357, 2007)

#### **8.50.050 Violation–Penalty.**

Wherever in this chapter an act is prohibited or is made or declared unlawful, or the doing of any act is required or the failure to do any act is declared to be unlawful, any person who shall be convicted of any such violation shall be fined and jailed in accordance with the city's general penalty RCMC § 1.12.10. Each day any violation of this chapter continues shall constitute a separate offense. (Ord. 5357, 2007)

#### **8.50.060 Violation–Liability for related costs.**

Any person violating any provisions of this chapter shall become liable to the city for the expense of restoration. (Ord. 5357, 2007)

#### **8.50.070 Severability.**

In the event any portion of this chapter is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, all valid portions which are severable from the invalid portion remain in effect. If application of any portion of any section or subsection of this chapter is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such portions remain in effect in all valid applications that are severable from the invalid applications.