

The University's **Industrial User Wastewater Permit**, local ordinances, and state and federal environmental regulations prohibit hazardous materials from being disposed of into the sewer system. Unless specifically approved, all chemical products, paints, dyes, lawn care products, maintenance products, and oil are prohibited from drain disposal. This activity information sheet provides guidelines for proper disposal.

### **MATERIALS APPROVED FOR DRAIN DISPOSAL**

- ✓ Consumable products and properly used household product.
- ✓ Floor stripper and wax that has been used and prepared in accordance with the manufacturer's directions
- ✓ Wash water from cleaning of latex paint equipment but not the unused paint
- ✓ Buffers and non-hazardous liquid media that has no other underlying hazardous constituent such as heavy metals, flammable or chlorinated solvents
- ✓ Certain disinfectants (check with Environmental Quality Management for the specific disinfectant used)
- ✓ Neutral solutions with a pH of between 6.0 and 9.5 that also do not have any other hazardous constituents and that were generated as part of the operating process



### **MATERIALS NOT APPROVED FOR DRAIN DISPOSAL**

- ✗ Any material not listed above or specifically approved in writing by Environmental Quality Management
- ✗ Oil
- ✗ Oil based paint
- ✗ Stains and dyes
- ✗ Metals and other toxic chemicals
- ✗ Corrosive materials having a pH less than 6.0 and greater than 9.5.
- ✗ Solvents
- ✗ Infectious materials
- ✗ Photo Processing chemicals
- ✗ Materials containing high concentrations of suspended solids

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- If a material is present that is believed to be safe for drain disposal but that has not been specifically approved, permission may be requested using the Drain Disposal Request Form, which should be submitted to Environmental Quality Management for review.
- At no time should water be used in an attempt to dilute a substance in order to make it more suitable for drain disposal.
- Never pour anything into the drains outside buildings. These are storm drains and discharge directly to streams.
- Contact the Environmental Quality Management Department at 859-323-6280 or [Maridely.Loyselle@uky.edu](mailto:Maridely.Loyselle@uky.edu) for additional information or if you have questions regarding the appropriate disposal of material.