BUSINESS OWNERS...
Think before you pour “it” down the drain!

Do you know where your drain leads?

- **To surface waters?**
  “Only rain down the drain”
- **To a septic system?**
  Domestic sewage ONLY!
- **To a sewer?**
  If you discharge any waste that could be construed as hazardous waste into a city/county sewer, you must have the written permission of the Publically Owned Treatment Works (POTW), or wastewater treatment plant.

Large manufacturers may have wastewater permits; however, the vast majority of businesses fall well below the permitting levels. This does **not** mean a business can dispose of even small quantities of hazardous chemicals down the drain.

**Discharges of concern include:**

- acids and bases (pH)
- high temperature discharges
- aqueous metals
- pharmaceuticals
- sludges, grease and solids

Each POTW has its own specific regulations. These can be found at [www.municode.com](http://www.municode.com). When in doubt, contact your POTW concerning your specific needs.

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