

**Septage Waste Receiving Plan
City of Grand Rapids
Wastewater Treatment Plant**



Introduction

Located in Kent county Michigan, the Grand Rapids Wastewater Treatment plant (GRWWTP) provides service for 10 communities totaling approximately 265,000 residents within a 125 square mile geographical area. Presently the plant has a design capacity of 61.1 million gallons per day (MGD) with a daily average flow of 51 MGD.

Septage Receiving Facility Location

City of Grand Rapids
Wastewater Treatment Plant
1300 Market Ave. SW
Grand Rapids, Mi. 49503

Hours of Operation

Operating hours are daily 8am to 6pm.

Categories of Septage Waste Received

The GRWWTP will only accept domestic septage portable toilet waste.

Fee Structure

- \$500 annual discharge authorization permit fee. This fee covers costs associated with permit administration, receiving facility operation and maintenance, analytical testing.
- \$100 per 1,000 gallons discharged. This fee covers costs associated with treatment and disposal of septage.
- Fees may be periodically revised.

Service Area

The GRWWTP will accept portable toilet waste collected only within its service area (attachment B).

Other Requirements and Conditions

State Business License – Commercial septage haulers wishing to dispose of their portable toilet waste at the GRWWTP must have a valid State issued business license to remove and transport septage.

Discharge Authorization Permit – Commercial septage haulers wishing to dispose of their waste at the GRWWTP must have a valid City issued discharge authorization permit. In addition to giving the owner or operator of a hauler's business permission to discharge septage, the permit provides the standards and conditions under which that permission is given. An application for a permit may be obtained by contacting the City of Grand Rapids Wastewater Treatment Plant at (616) 456-3625. A permit will not be issued to a commercial septage hauler if the hauler does not have an appropriate State license(s) for hauling septage. The Discharge Authorization Permit shall be in effect for the period of time specified by the GRWWTP except where that permit has been revoked or voided, or where suspended by order of the Environmental Services Manger. Discharge Authorization Permits shall be voided upon transfer of business ownership. A Discharge Authorization Permit issued to a septage hauler is void upon the issuance of a new Discharge Authorization Permit to that hauler. A Discharge Authorization Permit will not be issued to a hauler who has had their permit cancelled due to non compliance with the Septage Waste Receiving Plan for a period of one (1) year.

Cancellation – Failure to comply with any requirements of the Septage Waste Receiving Plan shall be grounds for immediate cancellation of the Discharge Authorization Permit.

Sampling – Septage haulers shall collect a representative sample of each delivery in the presence of the Wastewater Plant Operator. If the waste appears to be other than portable toilet waste, in the opinion of the Wastewater Plant Operator, the hauler will be instructed to immediately leave the site and will not be allowed to discharge. Sampling is conducted for two purposes. One purpose is to be able to track the pollutant loading to the wastewater treatment plant. The second purpose is to assure that the septage hauler is not disposing of any unauthorized waste.

Septage Hauler Certification Form – All haulers shall complete a “City of Grand Rapids, Septage Waste Receiving Plan, Septage Hauler Certification” form (attachment A) for each delivery. Failure to complete a form or falsification of information shall be grounds for immediate termination of the Discharge Authorization Permit.

Security – All haulers are subject to video surveillance at the unloading station. The surveillance is to record improper disposal procedures by any hauler. The GRWWTP may suspend portable toilet waste deliveries based on Federal Department of Homeland Security national threat level or require picture identification prior to authorization to discharge.

Housekeeping – All haulers are to keep the unloading facility clean and neat. Any spillage is to be immediately reported to the Wastewater Plant Operator and the area cleaned and sanitized.

Right of Refusal – The GRWWTP may at its discretion refuse any portable toilet waste deliveries that, in its opinion, could negatively impact the operation of the treatment plant. The GRWWTP will not accept any portable toilet waste deliveries when sludge storage has reached capacity.

Septage volume – The GRWWTP will accept up to 10,000 gallons per day total combined portable toilet waste from all authorized haulers. A single delivery of portable toilet waste shall not exceed 1,500 gallons. The septage hauler shall discharge at a rate no greater than 300 gallons per minute.

Outstanding Invoices – No portable toilet waste will be accepted from septage haulers having outstanding invoices over 120 days. Service may resume once the hauler has demonstrated that all current invoices have been paid.

Plan revisions – The GRWWTP reserves the right to revise this document at any time. Revisions will be posted on the department’s webpage and provided to septage haulers holding a valid Discharge Authorization Permit by email.

Termination of service – The GRWWTP reserves the right to discontinue accepting portable toilet waste at any time. The GRWWTP will provide septage haulers holding valid discharge authorization permits with at least 45 days advance notice.

City of Grand Rapids Septage Waste Receiving Plan Septage Hauler Certification

1. Submit a completed certification form to the Wastewater Plant Operator prior to discharge
2. No discharge is authorized until approved by the Wastewater Plant Operator
3. Septage hauler shall collect a representative sample in the presence of the Wastewater Plant Operator
4. Notify Wastewater Plant Operator upon completion of unloading – do not leave site until instructed
5. Wastewater Plant Operator will verify site is neat and clean, initial form and submit to Supervisor

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| Company Name | |
| Driver Name | |
| Contact Telephone Number | |
| Time (HH:MM AM/PM) | |
| Discharged Volume (gallons) | |
| Truck Identification Number | |

“I certify that I am discharging only portable toilet waste for services provided within the Grand Rapids Wastewater Treatment Plant service area. Furthermore, the information provided on this certification form is complete and accurate. I understand that failure to comply with any requirements of the City of Grand Rapids Septage Waste Receiving Plan or falsification of information shall be grounds for immediate cancellation of the Discharge Authorization Permit.”

Driver Name (Signature)

Today’s Date (Month/Day/Year)

Wastewater Plant Operator comments:

Wastewater Plant Operator (Initial): _____

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