

Rowan University - School of Osteopathic Medicine
Environmental Health and Safety

Subject: Improper Disposal of Waste into Storm Drains on University Property
Effective Date: September, 2021
Approved by: Thomas Boyle

I. Purpose:

A regulation to prohibit the spilling, dumping, or disposal of materials other than stormwater to the storm drains on the property of Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine, so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for the failure to comply.

II. Definitions:

For the purpose of this regulation, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein, unless their use in the text of this regulation clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word “shall” is always mandatory and not merely directory.

- a. Storm Drain – a sewer which carries storm and surface waters and drainage but excludes sewage and industrial wastes.
- b. Person – Any individual (including but not limited to a University student, visiting faculty member or other visitor, vendor, guest, professional member of the University’s academic, administrative, or teaching staff, or other University officer, agent, servant, or employee), corporation (including Rowan University), company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State whose conduct on University property is subject to regulation by the University.
- c. Stormwater – Water resulting from precipitation (including rain and snow) that runs off the land’s surface, is transmitted to the subsurface, is captured by separate storm sewers or other sewage or drainage facilities, or is conveyed by snow removal equipment.
- d. University - Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine
- e. University Property – Lands and buildings owned or controlled by Rowan University.

III. Prohibited Conduct

All persons are prohibited while on University property from:

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- a. Spilling, dumping, or disposing of materials other than stormwater to the storm drains on University property.
- b. Spilling, dumping, or disposing of materials other than stormwater in such a manner as to cause the discharge of pollutants to the storm drains on University property.

IV. Exceptions

- a. Water line flushing and discharges from potable water sources
- b. Uncontaminated groundwater (e.g., infiltration, crawl space or basement sump pumps, foundation or footing drains, rising ground waters)
- c. Air conditioning condensate (excluding contact and non-contact cooling water)
- d. Irrigation water (including landscape and lawn watering runoff)
- e. Flows from springs, riparian habitats and wetlands, water reservoir discharges and diverted stream flows
- f. Residential car washing water, and residential swimming pool discharges
- g. Sidewalk, driveway and street wash water
- h. Flows from fire fighting activities
- i. Flows from rinsing of the following equipment with clean water:

Equipment used in the application of salt and de-icing materials immediately following salt and de-icing material applications. Prior to rinsing with clean water, all residual salt and deicing materials must be removed from equipment and vehicles to the maximum extent practicable using dry cleaning methods (e.g., shoveling and sweeping). Recovered materials are to be returned to storage for reuse or properly discarded.

Rinsing of equipment in the above situation is limited to exterior, undercarriage, and exposed parts and does not apply to engines or other enclosed machinery.

V. Violations

- a. Any University student, shall be subject to fines, disciplinary probation, suspension, expulsion, or other sanctions as designated in the University's Student Handbook.
- b. Any University officer, staff member, employee or agent who is in violation of this regulation, shall be subject to dismissal, removal, reduction of salary, suspension,

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demotion, or other disciplinary action in accordance with applicable Federal and New Jersey statutes and relevant contracts or agreements.

- c. Any other person who has entered into a contract or agreement with the University to provide equipment, materials, supplies or services on University property, and who violates this regulation, shall be subject to sanctions in accordance with applicable Federal and New Jersey statutes and contract or agreement.
- d. Any visitor, guest, or other person who is not identified under V.a, V.b, or V.c above, and who after being duly notified continues to be in violation of this regulation, shall be subject to ejection from University property and, if the person refuses to leave after being asked to leave, to prosecution for criminal trespass under N.J.S.A. 2C:18-3.
- e. Any person who violates this regulation may also be subject to prosecution under applicable Federal and New Jersey statutes.