



New Requirements for Sani-Dump Facilities Now in Effect



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Metro Vancouver's goal is to protect the wastewater system, human health and the environment. All facilities and users that are connected to the region's sewer systems must do their part to help achieve this important goal.

Project Overview

On May 28, 2021, Metro Vancouver adopted *Sani-dump Bylaw No. 346*, which promotes the safe operations of sani-dump facilities in the region.

Last year, Metro Vancouver collected input from industry representatives about how changes to regulations for sani-dump facilities may affect organizations like yours. Based on the collected feedback, combined with other policy requirements, Metro Vancouver developed a new *Sani-dump Bylaw*.

The new bylaw:

- Supports sani-dump operators to prevent misuse of their facilities
- Provides added support for safe operations
- Helps prevent costly maintenance needs

This new industry-specific bylaw will complement the *Sewer Use Bylaw* which will continue to apply to discharges to sani-dumps and sewer/sewage facilities in the region.

A New Sani-Dump Bylaw

Sani-dump facilities located in Metro Vancouver are designed to receive holding tank wastewater from kitchens, showers and toilets in recreation vehicles (RVs).

The new bylaw allows Metro Vancouver staff to help operators prevent hazardous or harmful materials from being discharged into their facilities. These discharges have always been prohibited and continue to be. The new *Sani-dump Bylaw* makes it more clear what is permitted for discharge at a sani-dump and will enable officers to address misuse of closed sani-dumps.

Bylaw requirements are outlined on the next page.

Metro Vancouver is preparing educational material and signage to support owners and operators in meeting their requirements under the new bylaw and to help them prevent misuse of their facilities.

Registration and Fees

The new bylaw requires existing sani-dump owners and operators with facilities receiving liquid waste to register with Metro Vancouver by **November 28, 2021** and comply with the bylaw. Any new sani-dump facility must register 30 days prior to receipt of RV waste. Existing owners and operators who register their facilities before November 28, 2021 will not have to pay the \$100 registration fee.

Bylaw Requirements



Registration process

1. Complete and submit the registration form (available on the Metro Vancouver website).
2. For registrations that occur after November 28, 2021 and before January 1, 2022, a \$100 registration fee* is due. Refer to the *Sani-dump Bylaw* or contact Metro Vancouver for rates after January 1, 2022.
3. Post the completed form at the sani-dump facility.

If an owner or operator intends to close a sani-dump, they must notify Metro Vancouver.

Upon closure, posted proof of registration must be removed.

***Grace period:** Sani-dump owners and operators of existing facilities are required to register within six months of the Bylaw adoption. Owners and operators who meet this deadline will not have to pay a registration fee.



What can be disposed of at a sani-dump?

Only accept and discharge recreational vehicle waste (i.e., sewage from on-board facilities for vehicle passengers).



Restrictions for discharges

Do not accept, discharge or allow or cause to be discharged to a sewer or sewage facility, any waste from a trucked liquid waste hauling truck (including but not limited to wastes from portable toilets, septic tanks, holding tanks; sludge, or non-domestic trucked liquid waste).



Facility operations

1. Post signage advising that only recreational vehicle waste may be discharged at a sani-dump. Metro Vancouver will provide signage.
2. Post signage for proper procedures for discharge to prevent discharges of waste other than recreational vehicle waste. Metro Vancouver will provide signage.
3. Keep all equipment and facilities maintained and in good repair so as to prevent discharges of waste other than recreational vehicle waste.
4. Promptly report to Metro Vancouver, all suspected or observed discharges to a sani-dump, sewer or sewage facility of waste other than recreational vehicle waste.



Enforcement

Provide access to the sani-dump for inspection by an officer or a Sewage Control Manager. Warnings and fines may be issued if improper use is identified.

To learn more about the bylaw requirements, please visit [metrovancouver.org](https://www.metrovancouver.org) and search "Sani-Dump Bylaw."

Contact Metro Vancouver

Information Centre: **604-432-6200**
(Monday to Friday from 8 am to 4:30 pm)

Email: regulationenforcement@metrovancouver.org
(Please include 'Sani-Dump Bylaw' in the subject line)

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