



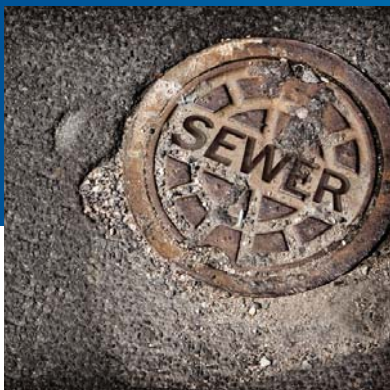
Environmental Services

FACTsheet

**Environmental
Monitoring and
Enforcement Unit**

Sewer Use
Bylaw Overview

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Environmental Monitoring and Enforcement Unit

DID YOU KNOW?

Enforcement officers are authorized to enter the premises of businesses within York Region without prior notification.

Installation of new and replacement of existing food waste grinders will be prohibited effective November 17, 2012, under Sewer Use Bylaw 2011-56.

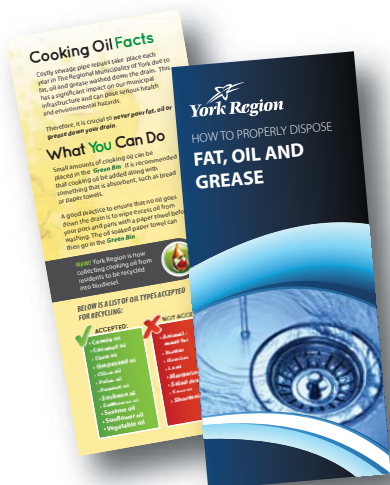
Diluting discharge which would otherwise contravene the Sewer Use Bylaw is prohibited.

The Sewer Use Bylaw requires interceptor maintenance records be retained on site and made available to York Region staff immediately upon request.

Dischargers must notify York Region in the event of a spill to a sewage works.

In certain cases, a business may be permitted to enter a surcharge agreement with York Region to manage discharge.

There will be a rate and fee increase in January 2012.



Sewer Use Bylaw Overview

What is the role of The Regional Municipality of York Sewer Use Bylaw?

- Regulate the discharge of sewage, storm water and land drainage
- Applies to all direct or indirect discharges to storm or sanitary sewers and land drainage works in York Region, focusing mainly on industrial, commercial, and institutional facilities (limits and restrictions also apply to residential discharges)

Why do we need a Sewer Use Bylaw?

- Protect the public, municipal workers and property from hazardous conditions
- Protect sewers from corrosion, obstruction or other damage
- Prevent operational process upsets and breakdowns
- Protect the environment from contaminants
- Achieve optimum wastewater efficiency
- Maintain water pollution control plant compliance with provincial operating and treatment requirements

How does York Region enforce the Sewer Use Bylaw?

- Enforcement officers inspect, monitor and obtain discharge samples from businesses in York Region
- York Region responds to situations of non-compliance with the bylaw
- Non-compliance with the bylaw may require a business to enter into a compliance program or develop a pollution prevention plan to bring discharge into compliance
- Contraventions may result in prosecution under the bylaw
- Businesses are required to submit waste survey reports to York Region, which provide enforcement officers with a better understanding of discharges and assist in monitoring of industrial, commercial and institutional facilities

Sewer Use Bylaw No. 5-0064-2005-009 was replaced by Sewer Use Bylaw No. 2011-56 on November 17, 2011. To read the full Sewer Use Bylaw and to access Discharger Information Reports, please visit www.york.ca/seweruse

Should you have any questions please email sewerusebylaw@york.ca

