

Are there non-sanitary sewer discharges that are okay to go into the storm sewer system?

Generally, the following discharges are considered acceptable to go into the storm water system. Notwithstanding, these discharges should still be reported to Logan's Public Works department, who will assess the likely impact on the storm sewer system.

- Water line flushing
- Landscape irrigation
- Diverted stream flows
- Rising ground waters
- Uncontaminated ground water infiltration
- Uncontaminated pumped ground water
- Discharges from potable water sources
- Foundation drains
- Air conditioning condensate
- Irrigation water
- Springs
- Water from crawl space pumps
- Footing drains
- Lawn watering runoff
- Individual residential car washing
- Flows from riparian habitats and wetlands
- Dechlorinated swimming pool discharges
- Residual street wash water
- Dechlorinated water reservoir discharges
- Discharges or flows from fire fighting activity

Sewer Systems 101



Sanitary sewer system:

The system for transporting sewage underground from houses or businesses to treatment facilities or disposal. (Think water discharges from sinks and toilets.)

Storm sewer system:

The system designed to drain excess rain and ground water from paved streets, parking lots, sidewalks, and roofs; fed by street gutters designed to drain the storm water, untreated, into rivers or streams.



Sanitary Sewer / Storm Sewer Relationship:

The separation of storm sewers from sanitary sewers helps to prevent sewage treatment plants becoming overwhelmed by the huge influx of water during a rainstorm, which can result in untreated sewage being discharged into the environment.

As in most places, in Logan, storm sewers are operated independently from sanitary sewer systems.