



VACUUM TRUCK DUMPING POLICY

Policy Number:	OP09
Administered By:	Director of Operations
Approved By:	Chief Administrative Officer
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Purpose:

The Town of Fort Macleod will ensure its commitment to the citizens of the Town by defining the parameters and requirements relating to vacuum trucks dumping their contents at our wastewater facilities. This will ensure the safety of our wastewater system and compliance to any associated environmental legislation.

Scope:

This Policy covers all vacuum trucks that utilize the Town's wastewater facilities to discard/deposit the contents of their containers.

Responsibilities:

The Public Works and Plants Foremen are responsible to ensure adherence to this Policy. Vacuum Truck Operators are required to know and comply with this Policy.

Definitions:

Vacuum Truck: A type of tank truck that has a pump and a tank, designed to pneumatically suck liquids, sludges, slurries or mixtures of sand and water. Vacuum trucks are used to transport the collected material to a treatment or disposal site.

Policy:

The Town will allow Vacuum Trucks to dump only domestic wastewater from septic tanks. These contents must have originated from within the municipal boundaries of the Town or a designated site that has been approved by the Town. Dumping any unapproved waste or dumping approved waste without authorization shall be subject to legal action under the Sewer Bylaw. Rates for dumping are set by the Sewer Bylaw.

Procedure:

Dumping Restrictions:

- Only domestic waste will be accepted. Car wash sump material or any other liquid waste product will not be accepted.
- No more than one load per hour will be accepted. Loads must not exceed the limits established in Clause 503 of the Sewer Bylaw.
- The Town reserves the right to refuse any load for any reason deemed acceptable to the Town.
- Vacuum Truck Operators must make prior arrangements to dump at the Towns specified dumping facility between the hours of 7:00am and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday by phoning 403-331-9319.

- Vacuum Truck Operators must have a utility billing account in place with the Town prior to performing any dumping operations.
- Operators must provide the Town with the origin of the septic tank waste.

Dumping Operations:

- Upon arrival at the specified dumping facility, the Vacuum Truck Operator shall:
 - Cooperate with all legislated Health and Safety requirements.
 - Dump the load as slow as possible to prevent shock loading of the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- Operators will be billed by the Town as per the rates set out in the Sewer Bylaw.

Further Information:

For further information regarding this Policy, please contact the department identified in the title bar under Administered By.



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