

Notice to the Public
City of Beaumont Watershed Protection Ordinance
Regulation of Pesticides, Herbicides and Fertilizers

The City of Beaumont, in compliance with the NPDES Storm Water Discharge Permit #TX0000501, must implement programs to reduce storm water pollution and obtain legal authority to prohibit the discharge of pollutants to the City's drainage system. On January 3, 2002 the City of Beaumont adopted the Watershed Protection Ordinance to secure adequate legal authority to prohibit certain activities that lead to storm water pollution. The following regulations are taken from the Watershed Protection Ordinance and are provided here as a notice to the public.

II REGULATION OF PESTICIDES, HERBICIDES AND FERTILIZERS

A. Licensing

1. ***Presentation of License.*** Any license, permit, registration, certification or evidence of financial responsibility required by state or federal law for sale, distribution, application, manufacture, transportation, storage or disposal of a pesticide, herbicide or fertilizer must be presented to the City Engineer or any city law enforcement officer for examination upon request.

B. Proper Use and Disposal

1. ***Use According to Directions.*** No person shall use or cause to be used any pesticide or herbicide contrary to any directions for use on any labeling required by state or federal law or regulation.
2. ***No Discharge Of Harmful Quantity.*** No person shall use or cause to be used any pesticide, herbicide or fertilizer in any manner that the person knows, or reasonably should know, is likely to cause, or does cause, a harmful quantity of the pesticide, herbicide or fertilizer to enter the MS4 or waters of the State or the United States.
3. ***No disposal to MS4.*** No person shall dispose of, discard, store or transport a pesticide, herbicide or fertilizer, or a pesticide, herbicide or fertilizer container in a manner that the person knows, or reasonably should know, is likely to cause, or does cause, a harmful quantity of the pesticide, herbicide or fertilizer to enter the MS4 or waters of the State or the United States.

For more information on state and federal regulations concerning the proper use of pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers contact the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) or the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Display of Notice. Any person selling pesticides, herbicides or fertilizers at a retail or wholesale place of business shall post a sign pertaining to the regulation of pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers that may be required by State regulation. Such sign, when required by State regulation, shall also include or have appended to it a statement to the effect that information on the use of pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers can be obtained from the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission. Such notice and information shall be prominently displayed at the place of business where it may be read by purchasers of any pesticide, herbicide or fertilizer.