

Notice to the Public
City of Beaumont Watershed Protection Ordinance
Specific Prohibition of Certain Pollutants

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 regulation excerpts are taken from the Watershed Protection Ordinance and are provided here as a notice to the public or landscaping, gardening and related business owners.

I. (j.) Specific Prohibitions and Requirements

2. ***Prohibited Releases.*** No person shall dump, spill, leak, pump, pour, emit, empty, discharge, leach, dispose or otherwise introduce or cause, allow or permit to be introduced any of the following substances into the MS4 (*The term MS4 refers to the City's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System or more commonly the City's storm drain system, including ditches, inlets, curb and gutter areas on streets or any other designed structure that serves as a drainage feature owned and operated by the City*):

e. Any garbage, rubbish or yard waste;

v. Any substance or material that will damage, block or clog any portion of the MS4;

The Cities Watershed Protection Ordinance is enforceable through an array of enforcement actions including the ability to levee fines of \$2,000.00 per day per violation.