

	CAN THIS GO DOWN THE DRAIN	Effective:	April 6, 2006
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1. POLICY

1.1 This policy deals with hazardous waste material that should not be thrown down the drain.

2. SCOPE

2.1 The guidelines apply to all faculty, staff, students and visitors to campus.

3. PROCEDURE

Seven hundred People Generate a Lot of Wastewater

With approximately 600 students and about 120 faculty/staff members on the campus, Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine generates a large amount of wastewater each day. Treated wastewater is discharged to the ocean, south of the campus.

Much of the wastewater generated on the campus is domestic sewage from restrooms classrooms and laboratories. Discharge of inappropriate materials into the sanitary sewer can damage sewer pipes, jeopardize the health of maintenance workers, and cause adverse environmental impacts. Accordingly, the University has developed the Local Limits program to help prevent inappropriate sewer disposal.

The Local Limits Program

Essentially, the program is designed to provide specific guidance to the answer the question, "Can this go down the drain?" The goal of the Local Limits program is to educate users and prevent problematic constituents from being discharged into the sewer before they create problems. As part of the program, the University has developed a comprehensive sewer disposal policy with specific sewer discharge limits for constituents of concern.

Note that discharge of the following chemicals is not allowed.

- Copper--no discharge allowed
- Tributyltin--no discharge allowed
- Bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthlate--no discharge allowed
- Hexachlorobutadiene--no discharge allowed

The following constituents are also of are also of concern:

- Mercury--no discharge allowed
- Lead--21 µg/l

Silver--1.2 µg/l

Methylene chloride--100 µg/l

If your waste contains any of these constituents at concentrations above the local limits, please contact the Director of Facilities to arrange for collection and proper disposal of the waste.