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**CITY OF FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS  
DPW - WASTEWATER DIVISION**

**SEPTAGE RECEIVING POLICY**

*Effective: August 16, 2021*

The City's Easterly Wastewater Treatment Facility ('East Plant') provides wastewater treatment service for the residents and businesses of the City of Fitchburg, and portions of the Town of Westminster and the Town of Lunenburg, to the City's west and east, respectively. In addition, the East Plant has also historically accepted hauled liquid septage, from East Plant approved septage haulers.

The City's over-arching duty and responsibility in the operation of the Publicly Owned Treatment Works, including the East Plant, is to comply with the requirements and stipulations of the City's NPDES Permit ([MA0100986](#)).

In order to continue providing septage receiving services and to comply with the City's NPDES Permit, effective Monday - August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021, the City shall be implementing septage receiving changes to limit the total maximum daily gallons of septage received to **35,000 gallons per day**.

- The daily septage volume receiving limit ("0 gallons" starting point) shall begin daily at 7:00 A.M.
- The East Plant shall have a readily visible daily septage volume status light beacon that communicates the available septage discharge capacity: "Red" (no remaining capacity); "Yellow" (approaching daily septage limit); "Green" (Septage Discharge Station is open and available to discharge).
- After the **35,000 gallons per day** limit is reached, the Septage Discharge Station will automatically lock-out, preventing discharge of additional loads after the limit has been reached.
- Any septage discharge that begins when the daily total discharge amount is close to, but under the **35,000 gallons per day** limit, **WILL** be able to complete the load discharge to the Septage Discharge Station, and **WILL NOT** be locked-out in the middle of load discharge.
- The East Plant's phone message (at: (978) 345 - 9625) will be updated throughout the day, to notify callers if the septage daily discharge limit has been reached.

Any new septage hauling company, not currently approved to discharge septage at the Fitchburg East Plant, must contact the office of the Fitchburg Wastewater Superintendent (at: **(978) 353 - 2304**) to inquire about initiating a septage discharge customer account with the Fitchburg East Plant.

The East Plant's septage receiving policy will be reviewed and updated on a semiannual basis, and may be modified and updated as necessary, at the discretion of the Fitchburg DPW – Wastewater Division.

Any questions concerning this Policy should be directed to:

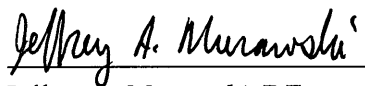
DPW Deputy Commissioner  
(978) 829 - 1931

...Or...

Wastewater Treatment Superintendent  
(978) 353 - 2304

Sincerely,

FITCHBURG DPW, WASTEWATER DIVISION



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