

ATTENTION ALL CONTRACTORS: Information on Dewatering in Kirkland

During construction, it may be necessary to pump groundwater or excess stormwater away from the site.

This water can be contaminated with pollutants (including sediment) and cannot be discharged directly into the street or down a storm drain. Storm drains convey water to the nearest stream or lake without treatment, and this water could degrade water quality.

The following options are available:

- 1) Pump the excess water to another area of the site, and allow it to infiltrate into the soil.
- 2) If infiltration is not possible, water can temporarily be pumped to a storage facility (like a pond or tank) to allow settling prior to discharge to sanitary sewer. To discharge to the sanitary sewer, please follow the restrictions below:
 - Obtain permit authorization from the King County Department of Natural Resources' Industrial Waste Program; call (206) 263-3000 for permit requirements. **There is no fee for this authorization.**
 - Notify the City of Kirkland, Public Works Inspector at (425) 587-3800.
 - Discharge volumes must be less than 25,000 gallons per day.
 - Water to be discharged cannot have an odor of solvent gasoline, hydrogen sulfide (rotten egg odor), oil sheen, or unusual color.
 - Water to be discharged must remain translucent, and have settleable solids less than 7 ml/L.
 - The formal requirements and fees of a full wastewater permit will not be required as long as good compliance is maintained and the nature and volume of the discharge does not change.

Only clean/clear stormwater can be allowed to enter the storm drains. Your site is subject to erosion control inspections at any time. If the current BMPs in place on site are not working, then you may need to obtain permit authorization to discharge to the sanitary sewer (see process above). If sediment filled stormwater flows off your site, you will be required to clean the street and all polluted storm drains downstream of your project.