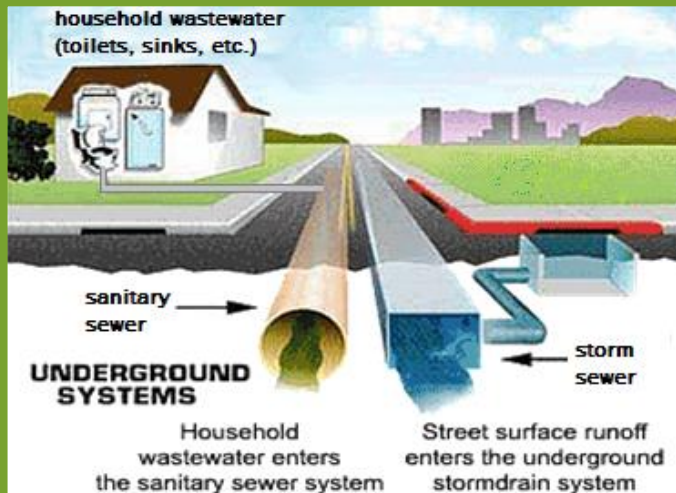


# About the Town

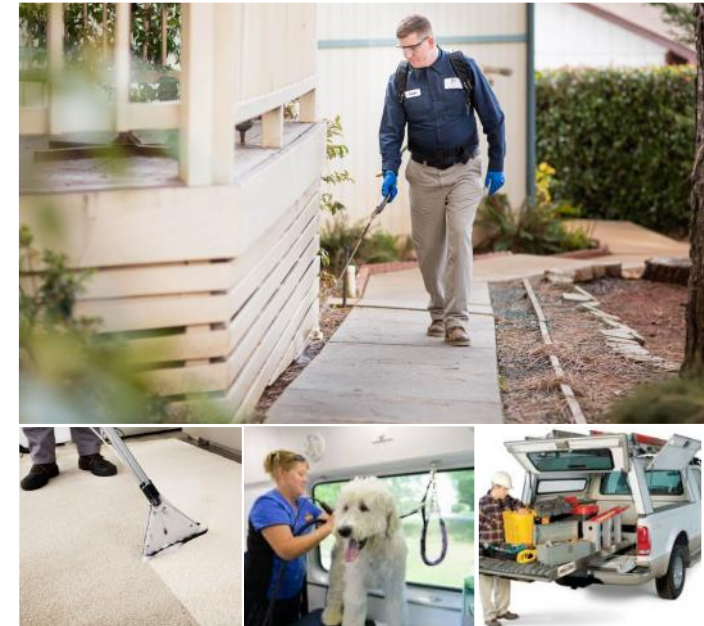


The Town of Gilbert has two separate sewer systems.

- The **sanitary sewer** collects wastewater from homes, business, and industrial sites from sinks, toilets, and other outlets. It goes through pipes to the wastewater treatment plant.
- The **storm sewer** collects rainwater runoff from the streets for flood control. This stormwater runoff **does NOT** go to a wastewater treatment facility before entering our recreational surface waters. It is transported by drains, streets, gutters, curbs, and open channels directly into retention basins, parks, washes, canals, and community lakes. That is why it is of utmost importance that we make sure there is;

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## Storm Water Pollution Prevention: Mobile Businesses



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# Challenges for Mobile Businesses

The nature of a mobile business can provide additional challenges that are not faced at a stationary store front. Scenarios and locations change daily making hazardous material and waste handling more difficult. It is important to know how to handle these challenges in a way that keeps your business in compliance with town ordinances and does no harm to the environment.



## Hazardous Materials

Items you may not even think of can be considered hazardous materials because of their impact on the environment. Follow the protocols below for all hazardous materials.

- All hazardous material must be kept indoors or under cover from rain.
- Any hazardous material stored or used outdoors must have some form of secondary containment.
- Have a plan for disposal of any hazardous waste before you begin a project.
- Common hazardous materials:
  - Automotive fluids
  - Cooking oil
  - Fuel
  - Fertilizers
  - Paint
  - Pesticides
  - Pool Chemicals
  - Soaps/cleaners
  - Solvents

## Handling Waste Water

Have a plan for the wastewater generated during a job. Consider the following when assessing what to do with the wastewater from your operation.

- **Never** dump any liquid onto the ground, street, or storm drain for disposal.
- **Never** lift a sewer manhole to discharge wastewater.
- Follow manufacturers instructions for proper handling and disposal of all chemicals utilized. “Non-toxic” and “Biodegradable” are still harmful to aquatic life and must be handled as such.
- It may be okay to discharge wastewater into a sink, sewer cleanout pipe or other drain connected to the sanitary sewer system BUT insure any sanitary sewer protection required for your application is in place.
- Gilbert requires a business registration permit and a wastewater discharge questionnaire prior to dumping in any commercial facility.

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- Maintain a log of wastewater disposal for each job, including disposal method, volume and any special handling.

## Spills

- **Never** hose down outdoor spills.
- Have spill response plan and proper materials available at all times.
- Maintain cleaning equipment (tanks, hoses and fittings) to prevent wastewater leaks.
- Report any leaks or material that enter the storm drain to Gilbert 311.
- Be aware that cleanup of hazardous spills and materials may cause the wastewater to be classified as hazardous waste, which requires special handling and disposal.

## Employee Training

Train all employees about environmental concerns upon hiring and annually thereafter. Make sure training includes the following:

- Proper disposal practices for all materials as well as any special handling procedures that must be considered.
- Insure employees understand the difference between a sanitary and storm sewer drain.
- Stormwater quality impacts of illegal dumping.
- Dry cleanup procedures for spills.



**The Environmental Compliance Team is always here to help troubleshoot any issue you may be facing. Please visit our website or contact us directly for additional information:**

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