



King County Industrial Waste Program Newsletter - Summer 2019

New fee structure and charges became effective July 1, 2019.

King County Industrial Waste Program (KCIW) has been working hard updating its fee structure. The program is funded by fees paid by industrial facilities. Last year, The King County Council adopted an ordinance that updated and streamlined KCIW's fee structure. KCIW notified customers about the changes and offered a public comment period as part of the rule-making process. This new fee structure went into effect July 1, 2019. The new structure mostly affects compliance monitoring and administration (CM&A) fees and issuance fees. KCIW also adjusted the surcharge charges to reflect the changes.

- [Read about KCIW fees and surcharges](#)
- [Learn more about the process to update the fee structure](#)
- Learn more about [how the changes affect surcharge customers](#)

Companies that violate clean water rules receive penalties

How to Avoid Penalties: Late submissions are a frequent and preventable reason for violations and fines. Plan ahead. File your applications and reports on time.

Did you know...?

- Your permit shows your specific deadlines
- You can [contact King County](#) and ask for an extension to avoid being late
- You can send your reports electronically to KCIW by emailing info.KCIW@kingcounty.gov

Companies That Violate Wastewater Rules Receive Penalties	
<p>King County's Industrial Waste Program (KCIW) regulates industries that discharge wastewater to the sanitary sewer systems to protect worker safety, local and regional sewer and treatment infrastructure, and biosolids. KCIW monitors compliance according to federal, state, and local regulations. Many companies must pretreat their wastewater before they put it into the sanitary sewer system and comply with reporting, monitoring, and discharge requirements. KCIW is required to report on companies who violate wastewater rules.</p> <p>From July to December 2018, the following companies were in "significant non-compliance" status with federal rules and/or received penalties:</p>	
Violations Resulting in Significant Non-Compliance (SNIC) Status and Penalties	Reason for Publication and Additional Comments
<p>Continental Mills VIOLATION OF KING COUNTY CODE: Discharging unauthorized waste that interfered with treatment facility operations.</p>	<p>Continental Mills was in SNIC for interfering with wastewater treatment facility operations. They were issued a compliance order, fined \$10,848 and assessed \$8,090 in post violation charges for costs incurred by KCIW.</p>
<p>King County Solid Waste Division - Cedar Hills Landfill MULTIPLE VIOLATIONS: Discharge, King County Code, and reporting violations that occurred between October 2, 2018, and May 14, 2018.</p>	<p>King County SWD Cedar Hills Landfill was in SNIC for violating mass loading limits and failing to report non-compliance. They were issued a compliance order, fined \$60,156, and assessed \$152,340 in post violation charges for costs incurred by KCIW.</p>
<p>MedPro MULTIPLE VIOLATIONS: Multiple discharge violations and King County Code violations that occurred between November 4, 2018, and April 11, 2019.</p>	<p>MedPro was in SNIC for reporting and discharge violations. They were issued a Compliance Order, fined \$4,820, and assessed \$6,070 in post violation charges for costs incurred by KCIW.</p>
Violation Resulting in Penalty Only	Reason for Publication and Additional Comments
<p>Lambert Marble & Tile Works Inc. REPORTING VIOLATION: Failing to submit a required report (permit application).</p>	<p>Fined \$500.</p>
<p>MedPro REPORTING VIOLATION: Failing to submit a required report (engineering report).</p>	<p>Fined \$500. The report was subsequently received by KCIW. No further action was taken.</p>
<p>Other Violations KCIW acted on seven more violations at eight facilities from July 1 – December 31, 2018. These facilities were not in "significant non-compliance" status and were not fined. Where applicable, these facilities reimbursed the County for additional monitoring and other incurred costs.</p>	
<p>Questions or Info. for King County? • Email info.KCIW@kingcounty.gov • Call 252-477-5300 or 711-TTY Relay • Visit www.kingcounty.gov/industrialwaste</p>	

King County is legally required to report on companies who do not comply with their permit. [Read the spring enforcement ad](#) published in the Seattle Times in May.

Industrial facilities recognized for commitment to environmental compliance in 2018

Each year, KCIW recognizes significant industrial users of the sewer system that have maintained an excellent record of compliance with rules and regulations for the previous calendar year with *Commitment-to-Compliance, Gold* and *Silver* awards. This year, 58 local facilities earned environmental awards for dedication to business practices that protected regional water quality in 2018. Their work protects communities, the environment, and the economy in our region. [Find out who won Commitment to Compliance, Gold, and Silver awards in 2018.](#)



Questions about the industrial Waste Program?

Contact us by phone 206-477-5300, email info.KCIW@kingcounty.gov or visit us on the web: <http://www.kingcounty.gov/industrialwaste>.