Wastehauler Program
Frequently Asked Questions

How do I obtain a permit to use the station?
The permit application form is available on this site, or by calling (714)593-7428. The company first must obtain a Registration from the Orange County Health Care Agency (OCHCA), which conducts truck inspections by appointment. Call OCHCA at (714)433-6287.

After the company’s trucks are registered with OCHCA, the company must submit a completed permit application form and have all of its trucks inspected at Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) prior to being issued a permit. The company may use the station after all permit and decal fees have been paid and all trucks have been inspected and have received a decal.

How much does a permit cost?
The fee is $190 per year for new or renewed permits. As of July 1, 2016 all permits are issued for a 3 year term, for a total of $570 permit fee. The total ($570) is due at the time of application. New applicants also pay a one-time decal fee of $25/truck. Permit decal replacements cost $50.

What is the cost for using the station?
Waste originating from within OCSD’s service area boundaries is charged at $0.05 (5 cents) per gallon. Waste originating outside of OCSD’s service area boundaries but within OCSD’s designated wastehauler service area is $0.12 (12 cents) per gallon. OCSD only accepts waste from areas that OCSD has an agreement to serve, including OCSD’s own service area in North and Central Orange County, the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA), the Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) and the South Orange County Wastewater Authority (SOCWA). A Fee Schedule by City is available at www.ocsewers.com.

Where is the station located?
The District operates only one wastehauler station, located at 10844 Ellis Avenue in Fountain Valley, near the Euclid exit from the San Diego (405) freeway. The station is adjacent to the front gate, affording easy entrance and exit. Drivers must follow sign in procedures before proceeding to discharge station.

Can I use the station to empty my RV waste tank?
Recreational vehicles including motor homes are not allowed to use the station. The closest RV disposal facility is at the State Beach Park in Huntington Beach at Brookhurst Street and Pacific Coast Highway.

Can I use the station if I do not have a permit?
A valid permit from OCSD is required and the individual trucks must have the appropriate decal. The company is responsible for notifying the District when a new or replacement truck will be used, so that a truck inspection by both OCHCA and OCSD can be conducted and decals applied. The District may open the station to unpermitted trucks in extreme emergencies and with prior notice.

When is the station open?
The wastehauler station is open from 5:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday, and 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM on Saturday. The station is otherwise closed.
Can I bring in loads on weekends, holidays, and when the station is closed?
Loads may be received after hours and on holidays under the following conditions:
- Prearranged events with at least 24 hours prior - $102/event
- Emergencies or events with less than 24 hours notification- $165/event
- Per gallon fees will apply. Please call (714)593-7428 from 8 AM to 5 PM, Monday through Thursday to make arrangements. During nonbusiness hours, please call OCSD’s Control Center at (714)593-7025.

What kinds of waste are allowed at the station?
The station will accept waste from portable toilets, septic tanks, cesspool, food establishment grease traps, and non-industrial brine. Mixed loads of different types of waste are prohibited. The station will not accept waste from industrial, manufacturing, or commercial sources, including the contents of any tanks, drums, or clarifiers. The District will not accept waste from portable toilets, septic tanks or other sanitary waste sources that have been contaminated with non-sanitary waste such as fuel, oil, paint, or other materials. Wastehauler companies must ensure that trucks are well rinsed after hauling industrial or hazardous waste, and before the same trucks are used for hauling waste to OCSD.

Can I bring loads from outside Orange County?
OCSD only accepts waste from areas that the District has an agreement to serve, including the Districts own service area in North and Central Orange County, the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA), the Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) and the South Orange County Wastewater Authority (SOCWA). If you are unsure whether the source of your load is inside any of these areas, please contact the District at (714) 593-7428.

What are the rules for using the station?
The main purposes of the rules are to minimize odors and ensure safety. Drivers are required to follow all station rules for minimizing odors. A waste manifest including specific information on sources must be provided for every load. Discharges must occur only through the authorized hose and connectors. No waste may be discharged to the ground. All accidental spills must be cleaned immediately. No solid materials may be left on the ground including trash. Drivers may not use air pressure to increase the discharge rate. All loads must have a pH between 6.0 and 12.0 before discharge. A Technician may measure the pH value, and a load will be rejected if it does not comply with the pH limit. All loads are subject to sampling by the Technician.

Penalties may include permit suspension or revocation depending on the severity and frequency of the violation. A company with a suspended permit will not be allowed to use the station for a period determined by the Environmental Compliance Manager. The District holds the company responsible for the actions of its drivers. The District does not take action against individual drivers.

All haulers must meet the requirements and prohibitions listed in OCSD’s Wastewater Discharge Regulations, Ordinance No. OCSD-48. Conditions of Use are also available at www.ocsewers.com.

What are the penalties for violating permit conditions?
A company with an unpaid invoice may be denied entry until the invoice is paid in full. Payment may be made by mail or in person. The station is under continuous video surveillance. Violations observed on video are captured with still photographs. Typically, a violation will result in an immediate phone call from the District to a company officer, followed by a Notice of Violation, with a copy of the manifest, the Conditions for Use, and photos of the violation.
The District conducts field investigations of companies suspected of illegal discharges, including wastehaulers. Evidence of criminal activity is referred to the Orange County District Attorney.