Liquid Waste Management
Liquid waste has the potential to severely harm the environment. Those that handle liquid waste should follow the best management practices while meeting their local legal standards. This will prevent the contamination of clean water sources and processing equipment. When guidelines are followed for liquid waste transport and discharge, the facility processing the waste functions more efficiently. When the chemical processes at a wastewater treatment facility are not disrupted, less money has to be spent on making adjustments because of contaminant overload. Following the Best Management Practices benefits the rate payers, the haulers, the ABCWUA, and the environment by helping to avoid sewage overflows.

Who We Are
The Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (Water Authority) provides water and wastewater services to the greater Albuquerque metropolitan area.

The Water Authority’s Mission is to:
- Assure responsive Customer Service
- Provide reliable, high quality, affordable and sustainable water supply, wastewater collection treatment, and reuse systems
- Support a healthy, environmentally-sustainable, and economically-viable community

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HAULED WASTEWATER REQUIREMENTS.

A. Applicability
Hauled wastewater and holding tank waste may be introduced into the Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW) at locations designated by the Industrial Pretreatment Engineer and at such times as are established by the Industrial Pretreatment Engineer. Hauled wastewater and holding tank waste shall not violate Section 3-2 of the Ordinance.

B. Compliance
1. A user who owns vacuum or septic tank-type pumping trucks or other liquid waste transport trucks shall not discharge waste into the POTW, unless the user has received a septic tank discharge or chemical toilet discharge permit from the Industrial Pretreatment Engineer.
2. Any violation of the terms and conditions of a septic tank discharge or chemical toilet discharge permit is a violation of this Ordinance.
3. Obtaining a septic tank discharge or chemical toilet discharge permit does not relieve a user of its obligation to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

C. Recordkeeping/Manifest Requirements
Septage waste haulers shall give the user a waste-tracking form/manifest for every load discharged into the POTW. The form shall include, at a minimum, the name and address of the septage waste hauler, permit number, truck identification, and complete information regarding the names and addresses of sources of waste, volume, and characteristics of waste.

View the Ordinance at www.abcwua.org
1. Click “Your Water Authority” at the top right corner of the page
2. Legislation & Ordinances to the left
3. Section 1 – Water and Sewer Rates
4. Section 3 – Sewer Use and Wastewater Control

Best Management Practices
✓ Always have proof of your wastewater discharge permit and transporter certification.
✓ Make sure all waste hauling equipment meets legal standards to prevent leakage or spills.
✓ In case of mechanical failure, you should have extra essential equipment, tools, and spill kits.
✓ Keep vehicle, driver, company, and waste information on hand always.