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Discharge Points

96. **SPS 382.38 - 6/1/06**

Where may decorative fountain drains and fountain overflow drains discharge? Decorative fountain drains may discharge to the storm system. They may also discharge to grade where no nuisance is created, and where not prohibited by local government or the Department of Natural Resources. Fountains located inside buildings may also discharge to the sanitary system if the discharge does not exceed 50 gallons per day.

97. **SPS 382.38 - 11/19/97**

Should religous water fixtures discharge to surface or drain subsurface? Most fixtures and wastewater discharge points are listed in SPS Table 382.38. Holy water uses are not listed and the department allows discharge of holy water via piping systems to grade, subsurface, sanitary systems, or storm drains.

98. **SPS 382.38 - 8/06/03**

Where can greenhouse wastewater discharge? Decisions about greenhouse wastewater discharge to storm or sanitary are made by the state Department of Natural Resources. Interior clearwater piping shall be trapped, vented, and installed by a licensed individual.

99. **SPS 382.38 - 11/24/00**

Where should a Zambonie discharge? An ice rink surfacing machine may discharge to either storm or sanitary. If ice is to be melted and discharged through the interceptor, then the discharge is to storm. If the catch basin is to be used for other purposes, the discharge should be to sanitary.

100. **SPS 382.38-1 - 6/1/04**

SPS 382.38-1. 8 allows a municipal well pump house floor drain and sink to discharge to grade, unless prohibited by local municipality and where no nuisance is created. Would an emergency shower in this facility and a chlorine storage floor drain in this facility also be allowed to discharge to grade? Yes. The fixtures may also discharge to grade.

101. **SPS 382.38(3) - 12/23/03**

What are the allowable discharge points for a loading dock? A loading dock is treated as a parking lot. Enclosed loading dock discharge points comply with SPS Table 382.38-1 #6. Open loading dock discharge is considered stormwater and would be discharged as permitted in SP Table 382.38-1 #11.

102. SPS 382.38(3) - 12/23/03

What's the definition of an "open parking lot"? The plumbing code uses the building code definition of "open" for parking lots. See the Wisconsin Commercial Building Code, SPS 360-366.

103. **SPS 382.38(3) - 4/1/08**

Where can the fire test and draindown from a standpipe discharge? Water discharged during a fire test is considered clear water unless there are chemical additives and it may discharge as SPS Table 382.38-1 allows, including a private onsite wastewater treatment system that's designed to receive the discharge, municipal sanitary sewer, municipal storm sewer, ground surface (unless prohibited locally and when no nuisance is created) or subsurface dispersal (which would require plan review and approval for a commercial building).

110. **SPS 382.40(5) - 8/06/03**

Can the piping from a temperature and pressure relief valve serving a water heater in a maufactured home continue to discharge through the floor of a structure when a water heater is replaced? Yes, as long as the replacement installation mirrors the original installation.

111. **SPS 382.40(5) - 12/11/98**

How are drain pans used as temperature and prssure valve receptors installed? Pans placed under water heaters in case of drips are not considered plumbing and should not be connected to the plumbing system. If a water heater T&P relief valve discharges into this pan, it is now considered a receptor and installed accordingly.