



Important Notice

Don't put bad/stale beer down the drain even in small volumes!

Due to the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic, many breweries may have found themselves in the unenviable position of having large quantities of “bad” beer that could not be sold. This is just a reminder that large volumes of “bad” beer CANNOT be disposed of by simply dumping it down the drain to either a septic system or to a wastewater treatment facility. Doing so could seriously impact both systems. This is not a hypothetical situation. Recently, in New Hampshire, a large volume of low-pH wastewater was discharged that could have caused serious damage at the receiving facility.

If you find yourself in a bind, please reach out and ask for assistance. The New Hampshire Pollution Prevention Program (NHPPP), the NH Brewers Association (NHBA), and your local wastewater treatment facility operation are all here to help you figure out the best way to dispose of your “bad” beer. First, call your wastewater treatment facility to find out if they can accept the beer. They are available to work with you to find a solution that won't hurt the treatment plant or the environment. You can also contact the NHPPP or NHBA for other disposal options, like composting or anaerobic digestion. The NHPPP provides free, confidential, non-enforcement compliance assistance. Remember, we are here to help.

Please contact us at: NHPPP@des.nh.gov.