

Pollution Control Annual Billing (PCAB) Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Q: What is the Pollution Control Annual Billing?**
A: All businesses must register certain types of equipment with the City annually. A fee is charged as part of this registration.
2. **Q: Why do I have to pay for this registration?**
A: Minneapolis City Ordinance requires that all equipment that does or has the potential to impact the environment be registered with the City for a fee.
3. **Q: Who pays this registration?**
A: Non-residential property and residential properties with four or more units where properties contain certain types of equipment and processes.
4. **Q: What equipment and processes are included?**
A: There are many types of equipment and processes that have the potential to impact the environment. Some of the more common items are:
 - Wastewater discharge (connection to the sanitary sewer)
 - Boilers, furnaces, kilns and ovens, and afterburners
 - Exhaust systems, cyclones, bag collectors and scrubbers, precipitators, paint booths and drying booths
 - Industrial wastewater discharge, industrial waste generator, degreasers
 - All chemical storage of fuel oil, gasoline and other chemicals in excess of 250 gallons
 - Monitoring wells
5. **Q: What is a wastewater discharge registration?**
A: A wastewater discharge registration is separate from your sewer utility bill. This is a registration required for all discharges to the Minneapolis sewer system. These may include discharges from sinks and toilets.
6. **Q: I already paid my water bill and I don't use chemicals. Do I still have to pay for my wastewater discharge?**
A: Yes. This is a separate fee.
7. **Q: The last tenant registered has already paid for this registration. Do I have to pay again?**
A: Yes, this registration must be renewed annually and is not transferable.
8. **Q: I plan on selling this property or business. Do I still need to pay this?**
A: Yes, if you currently own the property or business.
9. **Q: This is a new business and has only been in operation for a limited time. Do I have to pay the full bill?**
A: Yes. All equipment and processes must be registered annually.
10. **Q: I'm not the owner of the property; I am a tenant, why am I being billed?**
A: The invoice is billed to the onsite business owner responsible for the equipment. The property owner may be responsible for some of the equipment. If you think you're not responsible for this bill call us at 612-673-3867.
11. **Q: The previous owner this equipment for years but this is the first year it requires registration.**
A: As we update our records, we often discover previously undocumented equipment or processes which require registration.
12. **Q: How will I know when it is time to renew my annual registration?**
A: In the fall we will sent you a registration notice.
13. **Q: What happens if I do not pay the renewal fees renewing my annual registration?**
A: An administrative or criminal citation can be issued. Failure to pay may also jeopardize your business license.

If you have additional questions please call Environmental Services at 612-673-3867.

If you don't reach us please leave a message, calls will be returned in the order received.

So we can better serve you please include in your message:

- Your name and/or company's name
- A phone number where you can be reached
- The PCAB registration number which is located in the upper left hand corner of the billing invoice
- Your question