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## Boat and Marina Sewage & Land Application of Wastewater

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### **Boat and Marina Sewage**

It is unlawful to operate a boat with a marine toilet that discharges untreated sewage into the waters of the state. Commercial boating facilities that house vessels equipped with toilets must provide facilities for sanitary pumping and disposal from the boats' holding tanks, or they must have an agreement with a marina that is so equipped. T.C.A. § 69-9-102, T.C.A. § 69-9-102(d).

### **Land Application of Wastewater**

The commissioner of environment and conservation may allow otherwise illegal discharges of wastewater, including land application, under a conditional permit from the department. T.C.A. § 69-3-108(e).

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