



Discharge of harmful substances or pollutants in the environment and rivers

The legislature provided different normative about the prohibition or restriction of the discharge of harmful substances or pollutants, and about the protection of the environment and rivers.

The Highway Code (30 april 1992) prohibits to “dump, without regular concession, any kind of materials into moats or ditch, and to drain into them any kind of water*”

Also the Italian Law about Environment (Testo Unico Ambientale - D.lgs. n.152 del 3 aprile 2006) state about:

1. It is forbidden to dump into the soil or into the subsoil surface layers;
2. It is forbidden to directly dump in the groundwater's and subsoil;
3. Discharges of domestic wastewater discharging into sewers are always permitted, if they comply with the regulations issued by the integrated water services manager and approved by the jurisdiction*.

The use of water for cleaning is not prohibited, but its disposal is regulated and sanctioned when contaminated by pollutants.

*: this part of the text is freely translated from the original Italian regulations. They do not represent any official translation of the law