

Stormwater Protection

Pressure Washing

Stormwater is rainwater and snowmelt. When stormwater flows across parking lots and streets, it can pick up pollutants that empty directly into our rivers and streams through the storm drains on streets and in parking lots. Pollutants entering these drains flow untreated to the water bodies that we use for drinking water, swimming, and fishing.

Best management practices (BMPs) are specific steps to prevent stormwater pollution as a result of day-to-day activities. All employees must make every effort to keep pollutants from going down the storm drain by putting the following BMPs into practice.

Spills & Leaks

- Keep spill kits available for cleaning up spills and leaks.
- If a spill occurs, control, contain, and clean up immediately using dry cleanup practices. Clean up and dispose of dirty absorbent properly. If a spill reaches the storm drain system, notify the municipality that you're working in by calling 303.441.4444.
- Maintain cleaning equipment (tanks, hoses, and fittings) to prevent wastewater leaks.
- Securely store all materials and equipment in vehicles during transport.

Outdoor Material Storage & Handling

- Cover and provide secondary containment for all materials or containers stored outside.
- Take precautions and protect storm drains when receiving bulk liquid deliveries and during loading or unloading.

Good Housekeeping

- Keep outdoor areas free from trash, dirt, litter, and debris.
- Keep lids closed on dumpsters and recycle containers.
- Perform maintenance and repair work inside.

Outdoor Washing & Cleaning

- Sweep the area to collect litter and remove any solids.
- Use dry cleanup methods (absorbents or pads) to absorb liquids other than stormwater.
- Locate all storm drains and prevent wash water from reaching storm drains.
- Use vacuum (sump) pumps or wet vacs, booms, berms, and portable containment devices to contain and collect wash water.
- Use weighted storm drain covers to protect storm drains.
- If no detergents or chemicals are used (only water) and only ambient dust is being cleaned, then the wastewater can be directed to landscaped areas (without causing erosion).

Wastewater Disposal

- Before discharging to a sanitary sewer, get authorization from your local wastewater treatment plant.
- Dispose of collected wash water into a sanitary sewer drain at: 1) your business or shop, or 2) a toilet or utility sink on your customer's premises, with their permission.

