

# Stormwater Protection

# Events

Water flows through storm drains directly to creeks without being treated. At an event, stormwater can pick up pollutants, such as oil, trash, and food left behind by vendors and guests. As an event coordinator, your organization is responsible for any stormwater violations. Below are specific guidelines, called best management practices (BMPs), that help to prevent stormwater pollution. Vendors should review this information and actively follow these practices to keep pollutants from entering our waterways.

## Spills & Leaks

- Include language in your contracts with vendors participating in your event or companies hired to help with cleanup requiring them to be educated about and responsible for proper stormwater management.
- If a spill occurs, control, contain, and clean up the spill immediately using dry cleanup practices. Clean up and dispose of dirty absorbent properly. If a spill reaches the storm drain system, notify the municipality you're working in by calling 303.441.4444.

## Outdoor Material Storage & Handling

- Make sure adequate, leak-tight receptacles with lids are available for use by vendors and guests.
- Make sure outdoor waste receptacles are kept closed unless adding or removing waste.
- Make sure containers do not overflow and are emptied at the end of each day.
- **Do not** wash out receptacles outdoors unless wastewater is discharged to a sanitary sewer.
- **Do not** place liquids or liquid-containing waste in an outdoor waste receptacle.

## Good Housekeeping

- Keep outdoor areas free from trash, dirt, litter, and debris.
- Keep lids closed on dumpsters and recycle containers.
- Protect storm drains during maintenance work or construction projects.
- Discharge all wastewater to a sanitary sewer.

## Outdoor Washing & Cleaning

### Prior to Washing

- Locate all storm drains.
- Sweep or collect litter and removed solids or pooled liquids other than stormwater.
- If **no detergents or chemicals** are used and only dirt or dust is being collected, the wastewater can be directed to landscape or contained onsite and allowed to evaporate, if allowed by local ordinance. **Apply minimal water** to reduce the potential for excess water to flow to a storm drain or other surface water. If there is food residue on the areas being washed, then this method is NOT acceptable.

### During Washing

- Use vacuum pumps, booms/berms, portable containment areas, weighted storm drain covers, and absorbents to protect storm drains and to contain and collect wash water.

### After Washing

- Dispose of collected wash water into a sanitary sewer drain.
- Ensure that contracted pressure washers follow these BMPs.

## Additional Behaviors

- Provide wastewater disposal containers for vendors attending the event.
- Ensure that portable toilets are: 1) serviced frequently to prevent overflow or leaks, and 2) staked down to prevent them from being tipped or blown over.
- Require food service vendors to use cardboard or a tarp to protect the ground under and around deep fryers.
- Use an approved tallow bin to dispose of all grease.

