

Best Management Practices



The following information can help you identify potential problems that may exist at your facility and best management practices (BMPs) that can minimize or prevent discharged pollutants from entering storm drainage systems from dumpsters, trash compactors and other behind the scene activities.

Dumpsters & Trash Compactors

- ⇒ Minimize the amount of liquid placed in dumpsters or compactors
- ⇒ Keep dumpster lids closed to keep out rainwater and pests
- ⇒ Control litter around your disposal area
- ⇒ Regularly inspect dumpster or compactor area for leaks and stains
- ⇒ Train employees on proper methods of handling and disposing of waste



Cleaning & Washing Activities

- ⇒ Clean equipment in a designated wash area that does not discharge to storm drains (ex: mop sink)
- ⇒ Avoid hazardous cleaners (such as those containing bleach, hydrofluoric acid, muriatic acid, sodium hydroxide)
- ⇒ Absorb oil spots with kitty litter or other absorbent and sweep it up.
- ⇒ When pressure washing, wash water needs to be collected and disposed of in a utility sink or diverted to a vegetated area.
- ⇒ Remember, wash water must not enter a storm drain. This drains to our waterways untreated!

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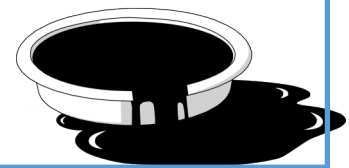
Spill Prevention and Cleanup

- ⇒ Know how to prevent spills from occurring
- ⇒ Have a procedure in place to clean up if a spill happens
- ⇒ Have the correct materials on site for proper clean up (ex: spill kit, kitty litter)
- ⇒ Have the appropriate emergency contact numbers on file in case the spill makes it way into a storm drain



Proper Containment and Regular Maintenance

- ⇒ Store materials such as grease, paints, sanitizers, oils, fertilizers and other products in appropriately labeled and secure containers
- ⇒ Make sure any outdoor storage of product or equipment has secondary containment and is adequately covered
- ⇒ Maintain your facility's equipment regularly
- ⇒ Routinely check for leaks and drips from maintenance activities



Training your Employees

- ⇒ Educate, inform and keep your employees up to date on all applicable BMP procedures
- ⇒ Assign a designated employee to be responsible for effective implementation of BMP procedures

