Eliminating Automotive Waste from Our Waters:

You <u>CAN</u> make a difference!

Pollution Prevention Method	Suggested Activities
Waste Reduction	Minimize the number of solvents used to make recycling easier and to reduce hazardous waste management costs. Do all liquid cleaning at a centralized station to ensure that solvents and residues stay in one area. Locate drip pans and draining boards to direct solvents back into solvent sink or holding tank for reuse.
Using Safer Alternatives	Use non-hazardous cleaners when possible. Replace chlorinated organic solvents with nonchlorinated ones like kerosene or mineral spirits. Purchase recycled products such as engine oil, transmission fluid, antifreeze, and hydraulic fluid to support the recycled products market.
Spill Clean Up	Use as little water as possible to clean spills leaks, and drips. Use rags to clean small spills, dry absorbent material for larger spills, and a mop for general cleanup. Mop water can be disposed of via the sink or toilet to the sanitary sewer.
Good Housekeeping	Employee training and public outreach are necessary to reinforce proper disposal practices. Conduct maintenance work such as fluid changes indoors. Update facility schematics to accurately reflect all plumbing connections. Monitor parked vehicles for leaks, and place pans under leaks to collect the fluids for proper disposal or recycling. Promptly transfer used fluids to recycling drums or hazardous waste containers. Do not pour liquid waste down floor drains, sinks, or outdoor storm drain inlets. Obtain and use drain mats to cover drains in the event of a spill. Store cracked batteries in leakproof secondary containers.
Parts Cleaning	Use detergent-based or water-based cleaning systems instead of organic solvent degreasers. Use steam cleaning and pressure washing instead of cleaning parts with solvent. The wastewater generated from steam cleaning can be discharged to the on-site oil/water separator.