

Spring Lake Storm Water Newsletter

Business Practices

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Restaurants

Pollutants of concern: *detergents, disinfectants, insecticides, oil and grease.*

Recycle greases, oil and filters, cleaning solutions, and other fluids. Avoid letting oil/grease spill—clean with absorbent material (kitty litter) rather than wash away with a hose. Use non-toxic substitutes for chemicals when possible.

Hotels/Motels

Pollutants of concern: *detergents, fertilizer, pesticides.*

When washing floors, contain wash water and dispose in sewer drain or disposal site. Encourage your landscaping employees to reduce/eliminate the use of fertilizers and pesticides. Regularly keep outside areas clean of trash and debris. Sweep and bag paved surfaces rather than hosing or using blowers.

Shopping Centers

Pollutants of concern: *trash, debris, vehicle leaks, wastewater.*

Keep all outdoor impervious surfaces (parking lots, process areas, sidewalks, dumpster areas) free of contaminants that can accumulate. Sweep and pick up trash on a regular basis. Use pesticide and fertilizer alternatives as needed.

Gas Stations/Auto Repair

Pollutants of concern: *gas/oil, auto fluids, detergents/solvents.*

Contain large spills with kitty litter and dispose at a hazardous waste facility. Discourage “topping off” of fuel tanks to avoid spills. Use non-toxic substitutes for chemicals when possible. Recycle greases, cleaning solutions, oil and filters, anti-freeze.

Construction **Pollutants of concern:** *sediment, gas/oil and solvents.*

Minimize the extent of land disturbance. Protect surfaces once they are exposed. Use erosion control measures (native vegetative cover, sediment traps, gravel bag barriers) to keep sediment from entering the storm drains.

The following are *BMPs* that can be implemented by any business or light industrial practice.

- n Train employees on good housekeeping practices and the importance of pollution prevention.
- n Sweep up and bag trash instead of using a hose or blower.
- n Use non-toxic products for cleaning and gardening maintenance. Avoid using pesticides and herbicides by looking into alternative pest control methods.
- n Never dispose of ANY wastewater down the storm drain. Use the sewer or local recycling center.
- n Try to wash your vehicle(s) at a car wash that recycles water.
- n Carpool with co-workers and make sure vehicles are maintained to avoid leaks.
- n Maintain a clean and orderly working environment (keep your property free of trash, oil, grease, etc).

- n Inform employees of materials that can be recycled and those that have a special disposal requirement. Identify and label containers (maintain MSDSs).
- n Keep materials to be recycled separate from wastes.
- n We will stencil storm drain inlets and catch basins with a “No Dumping” message; please inspect and maintain them regularly as needed.

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