



BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Best Management Practices or BMPs are ways to prevent stormwater pollution. Here are some recommended BMPs that may be useful at work or at home.



Property Maintenance BMPs

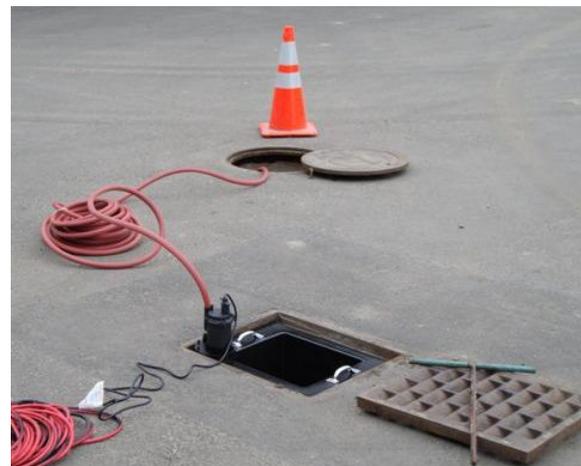
- Sweep driveways, sidewalks and roads. Refrain from using a hose and water, which carry contaminants into a storm drain.
- Maintain stormwater treatment facilities such as oil/water separators and swales to prevent polluted stormwater from flowing off your property.
- Maintain septic systems and drain fields to prevent them from failing and causing water quality problems.

Landscape & Irrigation Runoff BMPs

- Keep landscaping materials off the road, sidewalk, driveway and other impervious surfaces.
- Use berms or a car wash kit to capture irrigation runoff.
- Purchase water efficient sprinklers or use soaker hoses.
- Use erosion control practices like hydroseeding and silt fences to prevent erosion on unlandscaped or unstabilized property.
- Adjust landscape irrigation sprinklers to prevent runoff from carrying fertilizers, chemicals and debris into the stormwater system.

Vehicle & Equipment Wash Water BMPs

- Wash vehicles at a car wash, on a lawn or in a graveled area where the wash water will not flow into a storm drain.
- Use a car wash kit or other equipment to capture wash water and direct it to the sewer system. Please check with your local wastewater treatment plant.



Spill Prevention BMPs

- Never dump anything down the storm drain.
- Clean up any automobile fluid leaks or spills immediately and dispose of contaminated materials appropriately. Also keep appropriate cleanup supplies available in case of any fluid leaks or spills.



Mobile Business BMPs

- Know where waste can be properly discharged.
- Use a car wash kit or other equipment to capture wastewater.
- Never dispose of waste in an unpermitted area such as along roadsides, stream banks or off road areas.
- Carry spill kits for accidental discharges.

Outside Storage BMPs

- Store materials under cover so that debris can't wash into a storm drain.
- Keep lids closed on storage barrels and grease containers and use secondary containment.

An illicit discharge is an unlawful act of disposing, dumping, spilling or other discharge of any substance that is not composed entirely of stormwater into the stormwater drainage system. In addition, discharges to the ground may fall under the Underground Injection Control Program (Chapter 173-218 WAC) which is administered by the WA State DOE. For more information, please contact the regional Ecology office at (509) 575-2490 or visit www.ecy.wa.gov.



For questions or comments, or to report an illicit discharge call the hotline below for your local stormwater utility.

Douglas County and East Wenatchee: 886-3728

Chelan County: 667-6415

Wenatchee: 888-3235

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