

CLEAN WORKING IN OUR WATERSHED

The watershed is the total land area from which rainwater drains into a stream, river or body of water. The watershed includes all of the natural terrain and neighborhoods, including your business, surrounding these major water bodies. Rain and mishandled wash water from your facility can carry unfiltered and untreated auto maintenance chemicals and cleaning fluids directly into our watershed.

Nothing but rain water may be discharged to a storm drain. It is illegal, as well as harmful, to allow wastes, wash water, cleaning agents, or materials of any kind into the storm drain system.

Make your business part of the clean watershed equation with these simple **Best Management Practices**:

 **DO!**

Preventing Leaks & Spills

Conduct maintenance work such as fluid changes indoors in a properly designated area. Position drip pans underneath to capture automotive fluids. Properly drain gas, oil, brake and radiator fluids from stored vehicles to prevent leaks.

Cleaning Auto Parts

Use self-contained sinks and tanks when cleaning parts with degreasing solvents. If possible switch to a water-based cleaning solution. Use pans or absorbent mats or work in a contained bay to prevent storm drain runoff when washing engines or machinery.

Shop Maintenance

Regularly sweeping your shop and parking lot areas prevents pollution from entering the storm drain system. Cleaning solutions even if labeled nontoxic, can harm wildlife. Dispose of nonhazardous wash water into sanitary sewer system drains like sinks and toilets.

Spill Clean Up

Keep spill kits near stored chemicals. Clean up spills immediately using rags, absorbent mats, socks or kitty litter to prevent accidental spills from reaching the storm drain system. Spills are not considered cleaned up until the absorbent is also picked up.

Storage & Disposal of Waste

Store waste receptacles under cover with lids closed to reduce exposure to rain that could wash pollutants into the storm drain system. Never put liquid waste into a dumpster. Store used auto fluids with secondary containment and recycle or dispose of as hazardous waste.

 **DON'T!**



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