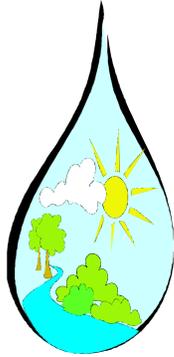


**Storm Drains** discharge water, as well as any pollutants and litter that is picked up, directly into our waterways and eventually the ocean without any form of treatment. Because this water receives no treatment, it is especially important to keep all pollutants out.



If your business routinely generates a discharge to a storm drain or waterway, you may be able to discharge to the sanitary sewer. Please contact the City's Industrial Waste Program at 227-1654 for more information.

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*If you have any questions on the BMPs described in this brochure or would like further information on the City's Storm Water Program, please call 227-7240.*

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*Although you may think the impact of one business is insignificant, the combined pollution of an entire city is monumental.*

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**Preventing  
Storm Water  
Pollution  
At Your  
Business!**

*This brochure, contains general tips and Best Management Practices that apply to many businesses for preventing storm water pollution and non-storm water discharges from your business.*

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### **General BMPs for Storm Water Pollution Prevention!**

- Sweep or mop outside areas whenever possible. If you need to clean outdoor surfaces such as sidewalks, parking lots, be sure to recover the dirty water and dispose of it properly to the sanitary sewer.
- Keep dumpsters and trash cans lids closed to prevent trash from blowing away, and keep trash storage areas clean.
- Clean up any spills immediately by sweeping up dry materials or mopping or absorbing liquids. Never wash down any type of spill to the gutters or storm drains.
- Train all new employees on BMPs for storm water pollution prevention.
- If you have landscaped areas, don't over irrigate.



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### **Mobile Cleaning Services**

Mobil cleaners include carpet cleaners, power washers, car detailers, pool maintenance, or pet groomers.



- Cleaning waste must be discharged to a sink, toilet or other drain connected to the sanitary sewer. Arrange with the customer to discharge wastewater on the premises.
- Cleaning waste from power washing must be recovered and properly disposed of to the sanitary sewer.
- Any cleaning product, including biodegradable products, can be harmful to aquatic life.

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### **Auto Repair and Body Shops**

- Store all materials and wastes in closed containers in an area designed to prevent runoff and protected from rain.
- Properly clean up all spills.
- Sweep, vacuum, or mop the shop floor as an alternative to hosing down work areas.
- Place drip pans under any vehicles with leaks.
- Wastewater from washing cars or steam cleaning engines must be discharge to the sanitary sewer.



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### **Food Service**

- Clean all equipment, filters, floor mats, and garbage cans in a mop sink which is connected to the sanitary sewer with a grease trap.
- Store grease and oil in sealed containers. Keep the exterior of the container clean.
- Absorb all grease and oil spills. Never dissolve the spill with hot water or emulsifying chemicals.
- Inspect and clean the grease traps and interceptors regularly to prevent sewage overflows.
- Have the dumpster leasing company repair or replace leaky dumpsters and have them clean out dirty dumpsters.
- Mop outdoor eating areas regularly. If the area is power washed, the wastewater must be recovered and properly disposed of to the sanitary sewer.

