

## Stormwater Protection

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Stormwater is rainwater and snowmelt. When stormwater flows across parking lots and streets, it can pick up pollutants that empty directly into our rivers and streams through the storm drains on streets and in parking lots. Pollutants entering these drains flow untreated to the water bodies that we use for drinking water, swimming, and fishing.

Best management practices (BMPs) are specific steps to prevent stormwater pollution as a result of day-to-day activities. All employees must make every effort to keep pollutants from going down the storm drain by putting the following BMPs into practice.

### Spills & Leaks

- Keep outdoor areas free from grease and food spills.
- Sweep and inspect parking lots regularly.
- If a spill occurs, control, contain, and clean up immediately using dry cleanup practices. Clean up and dispose of dirty absorbent properly. If a spill reaches the storm drain system, notify the municipality that you're working in by calling 303.441.4444.

### Outdoor Material Storage & Handling

- Securely cover and provide secondary containment for materials and containers stored outside, such as used grease.

### Good Housekeeping

- Keep outdoor areas free from trash, dirt, litter, and debris.
- Keep lids closed on dumpsters and recycle containers. Make sure containers are free from spills and leaks. Do not place liquids in the dumpster unless they are contained.
- Maintain storm drainage systems and permanent stormwater BMPs onsite (visit [www.KeepItCleanPartnership.org](http://www.KeepItCleanPartnership.org) for more information about maintenance).
- Discharge all wastewater to a sanitary sewer.

### Outdoor Washing & Cleaning

**The best way to clean the patio and sidewalk is to use "dry" cleanup methods such as sweeping, using absorbents, and spot scrubbing stains.**

- When pressure washing, block the nearest storm drain, and capture wash water for disposal in a sanitary drain.
- Direct wash water to nearby landscaping OR contain it onsite and allow it to evaporate **ONLY** if no chemicals or detergents were used or **ONLY** ambient dust was collected and if allowed by local ordinance.
- Do not wash kitchen equipment, such as floor mats, outdoors.

### Additional Behaviors

- Limit the application of sand/salt, deicer, fertilizer, and pesticides, and always follow instructions on the label.
- Make sure all contractors, including landscapers, pressure washers, hood cleaners, carpet cleaners, and painters are aware of their responsibility to protect stormwater.
- Dispose of wastewater, including chlorinated water, fire suppression water, HVAC or boiler cleaning water, pool water, street sweeping water, and storm drain cleaning water, to a sanitary sewer, or use BMPs outlined in permits and guidance.

