

# BMPs for Commercial and Industrial Businesses

## GROUPS MAINTENANCE & GOOD HOUSEKEEPING

- ☑ Regularly, dry sweep paved areas including parking lots, outdoor areas and dumpster areas. Do NOT use a hose. Collect and dispose of debris in waste containers.
- ☑ If you must use water for cleaning, use a mop & bucket and dispose of wash water into the sanitary sewer.
- ☑ Major cleaning of exterior surfaces must include capturing all wash water and disposing it into the sanitary sewer in compliance with local regulations. Wash water should not be allowed to enter the street gutter or storm drain.
- ☑ NEVER pour wash water outside or into a street, gutter or storm drain. Properly dispose of it into the sanitary sewer (sink or toilet).
- ☑ Regularly inspect and maintain storm drain inlets.

## WASTE MANAGEMENT

- ☑ Keep garbage/dumpster areas free from litter, debris and sediments.
- ☑ Schedule regular waste pick-up.
- ☑ Keep dumpsters & waste bins covered.
- ☑ Never wash down dumpsters with a hose. If cleansing is needed, contact the leasing company.
- ☑ Check dumpsters regularly for leaks.



## EDUCATION

- ☑ Train all employees to use good housekeeping practices and pollution prevention.
- ☑ Stencil storm drain inlets and curb inlets with a “No Dumping” message.

## MATERIALS STORAGE

- ☑ Store materials indoors or in covered areas.
- ☑ Provide proper spill containment including secondary containment tanks or berms, where required.
- ☑ Keep materials storage areas free from ponding rainwater or exposure.
- ☑ Label all materials and keep updated inventories of material stored onsite.
- ☑ Provide and implement spill cleanup procedures & supplies for employees.

## LANDSCAPING & IRRIGATION

- ☑ Avoid over-watering by checking sprinkler overspray and/or broken sprinkler heads. Use irrigation timers.
- ☑ Collect all landscape debris and recycle or dispose of properly.
- ☑ Encourage landscaping employees and contractor to reduce/eliminate use of pesticides and fertilizers.

## VEHICLE & EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE

- ☑ Perform all vehicle & equipment maintenance indoors or under covered areas.
- ☑ Keep drip pans under leaking vehicles at all times.
- ☑ Ensure floor drains are plumbed to the sanitary sewer or cover drains.
- ☑ Keep absorbent materials/ pads/rags readily accessible in work areas and use for spills.
- ☑ Segregate and label waste fluids and store in approved containers.
- ☑ Recycle oil, antifreezes, batteries, etc.



## VEHICLE & EQUIPMENT WASHING

- ☑ Wash vehicles/equipment at a commercial car wash, when possible. These facilities recycle water and/or drain wash water to the sanitary sewer.

- ☑ Wash vehicles/equipment over a pervious surface such as dirt, gravel or grass that allows water to evaporate or infiltrate and prevents runoff.
- ☑ Protect storm drains or curb inlets and then collect all wash water by vacuum. Recycle or dispose of wash water via the sanitary sewer system.

#### LOADING AREAS & OPERATIONS

- ☑ Load/unload only in designated areas.
- ☑ Regularly dry sweep loading & unloading areas.
- ☑ If possible, cover loading areas.
- ☑ Divert all stormwater away from loading/unloading areas.
- ☑ Check shipments and trucks for leaks and spills.
- ☑ Cleanup spills/leaks immediately and dispose of properly.
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