

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

What is stormwater pollution? Stormwater pollution occurs when chemicals, heavy metals, nutrients, and other contaminants mix with stormwater (rain, melting snow) as it flows over impervious surfaces like sidewalks and roadways. This water flows into storm drains and into waterways that we use for recreation and drinking water!

How do I prevent stormwater pollution?

- Stencil storm drain areas on your property to increase visibility.
- Correctly dispose of leaves and grass clippings, or use as mulch in garden beds
- Collect litter from outdoor areas and dispose of it in the trash. Keep litter from catch basins.
- If possible, switch to cleaning products that don't include harsh chemicals and detergents.
- Provide visible trash and recycling receptacles outdoors, as well as cigarette receptacles.
- Do not use chemicals or a hose to clean sidewalks. Instead, sweep debris up with a broom to conserve water and avoid runoff.
- Properly clean up any hazardous spills on impervious surfaces. Chemicals should be kept in proper storage containers away from rain and stormwater.
- All wastewater should be disposed of into floor drains or sinks connected to the sewer system. Do not dump wastewater outdoors where it could runoff into waterways.
- Properly dispose of hazardous wastes. Call the Hazardous Waste Helpline if you are unsure of how to dispose of a product at: 1-866-429-9278
- ☹️ Properly dispose of oil and grease. Do not pour into floor drains or sinks, or outdoors where it could runoff into waterways.
- ☹️ Trash cans and other equipment should be washed in areas that drain to the sewer system.

☹️ = For restaurants, specifically