

POLLUTION PREVENTION PRACTICES

for
Automotive Service and Repair Shops



Label and Inspect Storm Drain Inlets

- Label storm drain inlets on the property to alert employees and customers that no dumping of wastewaters or tainted washwater is allowed.
- Prevent accumulated pollutants from washing down storm drains on the property by inspecting drains on premises frequently.
- Sweep or vacuum work areas and parking lots regularly.
- Remove debris and dispose of it in the trash.
- Never wash down areas with hoses and avoid using blowers which only displace residues.



Properly Manage Raw and Waste Materials

- Follow all hazardous materials and hazardous waste storage and disposal requirements.
- Make sure solid waste containers are in good condition and secured with lids and covers.

Notify and Train Employees to Practice Pollution Prevention

- Post notices of appropriate practices such as those in this flyer, and train employees on their use.
- Set up a system to make it easy to separate, store and recycle wastes.



Best Management Practices (BMPs) for automotive service and repair shops



Prevent Spills and Leaks

- Drain fluids from leaking or wrecked vehicles as soon as possible. Use drip pans and plastic tarps.
- Promptly transfer drained fluids to a designated waste storage area.
- Place bulk fluids, waste fluids, and batteries in secondary containment to capture accidental spills.

Properly Manage Shop Wastewaters

- Wastewaters must be collected for off-site disposal or discharged to the sanitary sewer, if permitted. Examples include wastewaters from controlling overspray or dust in the paint booth, degreaser washoff, wet sanding, radiator flushing, floor washdown, mop water or other production uses.



Practice Waste Reduction and Recycling

- Recycle automotive fluids, solvents, cleaners, absorbents and wastewaters; when the useful life is finished.
- Mix only the amount of paint needed for a job.
- Use self-contained sinks and tanks when cleaning with solvents.
- Reuse water used in flushing and testing radiators.
- Automotive fluids are NOT acceptable for disposal to the sanitary sewer, storm drain or garbage.



Properly Manage Vehicle Washwaters

- Soapy or oily vehicle washwaters are NOT acceptable for disposal to the storm drain. Washwaters must be collected for off-site disposal or discharged to the sanitary sewer.
- A commercial car wash may be an alternative if your facility is not equipped properly.



For more information or to report an illegal discharge of pollutants, call Water Utilities at (972) 721-2281.