

Storage

- Material and waste such as vehicle parts, fuels, solvents, batteries and oils should be stored off the ground and in areas where they will not be exposed to rainwater.
- Contain cracked batteries to prevent hazardous spills.
- Cover all materials and storage areas with an impervious material prior to a rain event.
- Label waste containers and drums in accordance with all local, state and federal laws and regulations.
- Store liquid waste (hazardous or otherwise) in covered, labeled containers.



Waste Recycle and Disposal

- When possible, recycle and reuse solvents, paints, oil filters, antifreeze, motor oil, batteries, metal scraps, water-based paints, used tires, aluminum, tin, water and lubricants. For a list of recycling locations, visit www.calrecycle.ca.gov
- Combining different types of hazardous waste will limit your recycling options and can be dangerous. A licensed hazardous waste hauler can provide information on hazardous waste storage and disposal costs.
- NEVER dump anything into the street, gutter or drains.

STORM WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION: IT'S UP TO US!

Every day polluted urban runoff flows directly to the ocean through the storm drain system taking water and debris straight from the streets to the ocean.

Rain, industrial and household water mixed with urban pollutants (oil and other automobile fluids, paint and construction debris, yard and pet waste, pesticides and litter) creates storm water pollution.

A clean environment is important to all of us. The ocean begins at your front door of your business!

ENFORCEMENT

The City promptly responds to all complaints of illegal discharges to the storm drain system. Fueling station, auto repair and body shop businesses may be held responsible for violations and costs associated with the clean up, investigation, violations, fines or citations from the City, County, State and Federal regulatory agencies as well as any third party enforcement actions.

For more information or assistance, please call the
City of Lakewood's
Public Works Department
(562) 866-9771 extension 2500.



City of Lakewood

Best Management Practices

Fueling Stations
Auto Repair
Body Shops



Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program

Runoff Pollution

Automotive service and repair shops can contribute to storm water pollution through improper cleaning practices that allow residual fuel, oil, grease, solvents, fluids, cleaners, trash and other pollutants to flow into the gutter and street.

These discharges are prohibited by law.

Best Management Practices

Best Management Practices or BMPs are procedures that help prevent pollutants from entering the storm drains.

Each of us can do our part to keep pollution out of the storm drains by incorporating these practices into your daily activities.

Clean Work Site

- Locate the storm drains on or near your property.
- Perform automotive projects under cover and in a controlled area.
- Sweep or vacuum the shop floor daily
- NEVER sweep or hose into a parking lot, street, alley, gutter, sanitary sewer or storm drain.
- Use non-toxic cleaning products whenever possible.

Preventing Leaks and Spills

- Use a funnel when pouring liquids and place a tray underneath to catch spills.
- Place drip pans under the spouts of liquid storage containers.
- Check equipment, wipe up spills and repairs leaks on a daily basis.

Cleaning Spills

- Prepare and use easy to find spill containment and cleanup kits.
- Pour kitty litter, sawdust or sand on spills. If the material spilled is hazardous, dispose of the materials in the same manner as hazardous waste.

Vehicle and Equipment Cleaning

- Prevent oil, grease, suspended solids and toxics from washing into the street, gutter and storm drain.
- Designate a washing site where water drains to the sewer system (industrial waste permit may be required).
- Wash areas must be paved and well marked as wash areas. Use a spray nozzle or rinse bucket to conserve water.
- Post signs prohibiting oil changes and washing with solvents.
- Use a commercial car wash facility whenever possible.

Body Repair and Painting

- Clean work areas using dry methods Used tires. Use shop vacuum or broom to sweep up dust, metal and debris.
- Paint only in approved, enclosed areas.
- Minimize paint and thinner waste
- Prevent all wash water from entering the street, gutter or storm drain.

Engine and Parts Cleaning

- Clean parts in a self-contained unit, solvent sink or parts washer to prevent solvents and grease from entering a sewer, street, gutter or storm drain.
- Drain parts over a contained area, rather than allowing to drip or spill onto the floor.

- NEVER discharge the rinse solution into the sewer, street, gutter or storm drain system.
- Use water-based cleaning solutions instead of solvents. Used cleaning solutions need to be disposed by a hazardous waste hauler or facility.
- Inspect part-washing units daily for leaks and make repairs.
- Avoid hose-off degreasers and NEVER allow runoff to enter the street, gutter or storm drain. Brush off loose debris and use damp rags to wipe down parts. Clean used rags through a rag service or dispose of them as hazardous waste.

Fueling Areas & Fluids

- Operate fueling areas so that all spills can be contained and runoff cannot carry spills into the street, gutter or storm drain.
- Service drain filters beneath the fueling canopy and replace absorbents.
- Cover the fueling area to keep rain from washing away spilled materials.
- Designate an area to drain vehicle fluids away from all drains, streets and gutters.
- Drain vehicles indoors and only over floors that are constructed of a non-porous material such as concrete.

