

Stormwater Quality for Auto Shops

The storm drain system is designed to collect stormwater - rain and snow melt – and release it directly to Clear Creek - untreated. Pollutants are transported in stormwater as rain and snowmelt flow across surfaces such as lawns, roads and parking lots, picking up substances such as fertilizers, pesticides, oil and antifreeze before entering Clear Creek. Contaminants that enter the creek degrade the quality of our drinking water source and fish and wildlife habitats. Therefore, care must be taken to ensure that stormwater runoff does not jeopardize the quality of Clear Creek.

The following is a list of Best Management Practices (BMPs) that are applicable to your business. Implementing BMPs and good housekeeping practices will help ensure a safe work environment and a cleaner water source for years to come.

MATERIAL STORAGE

- Store all containers under cover to protect from rain and snow.
- Use secondary containment devices or construct dikes/curbs to contain any possible leaks.
- Close and secure any opened containers.

SPILLS

- Keep a spill kit appropriate for the materials you use handy and stocked, ready for use.
- Clean up spills immediately.
- Use absorbent material or containment berms for liquid spills.
- Always use dry methods to clean spills (sweeping) and never hose down the area.

CLEANERS AND SOLVENTS

- Read labels carefully and follow directions.
- Dispose of unused portions properly, and follow appropriate cleanup practices.
- Collect wastes for recycling or proper disposal.
- Whenever possible, purchase water based cleaning products. Look for products labeled "non-toxic" and "readily biodegradable."

TRASH

- Prevent polluted runoff by covering all dumpsters and replace leaky ones.
- Keep the area around the dumpsters free of trash.
- Ensure trash is properly bagged before placing it in the dumpster.

Esta información es importante. Si no lo puede leer, por favor busque la ayuda de alguien que lo puede traducir.

For more information please call 303-384-8188.