



Stormwater Pollution Best Management Practices

Tips for Protecting Our Water Resources from Stormwater Pollution

Common household activities can contribute significantly to stormwater pollution. Proper handling and care of many of the materials that we use daily can greatly reduce pollution. Follow these best management practices to protect the water resources in your community.

Automobile Maintenance and Repair

Accidental spills and the dumping of waste fluids associated with automobile maintenance and repair are leading contributors of stormwater pollution. Automotive fluids, such as oils, greases and solvents, as well as break pad linings contain metals, chlorinated hydrocarbons, and many other toxic compounds. The following practices can reduce the potential for pollution.



- Never pour oil or other fluids into the storm drain system or other areas that may lead to surface or groundwater.
- Contact the Thurston County HazoHouse at 360-786-5494 for information on recycling of these fluids.
- Perform automobile maintenance and repairs in a contained area over impervious areas such as concrete or pavement so that accidental spills can be readily cleaned up.
- Always use drip pans to catch and contain spills and waste fluids.
- Contain and clean up any spills immediately.
- Dispose of all waste and absorbent materials properly.
- Store automotive fluids including oils, greases, anti-freeze, solvents, cleaners, etc. indoors in well marked waterproof containers.
- Regularly inspect vehicles for the presence of leaks, and repair immediately.

For more information regarding our water resources:

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www.ci.tumwater.wa.us