



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.

Home Maintenance

A variety of hazardous materials may be used in and around residences during routine maintenance activities. These materials can include paints, cleaners, oils, bleaches, glues, solvents, pesticides and other products. Improper or excessive use of these products may increase the potential for stormwater pollution. The following activities can be used to prevent the discharge of pollutants to our local water resources and the Puget Sound.

- Choose household products that are “non-toxic”, and only purchase in the quantities needed.
- Clean painting equipment in an area where the waste can be contained and properly disposed of.
- Store cleaners, paints and other household hazardous materials indoors, undercover and in approved, well labeled containers.
- Dispose of any unused hazardous materials properly by contacting the Thurston County HazoHouse at 360-786-5494 for guidance.
- Dispose of any household wash water such as mop water in the sanitary sewer.
- Never dump anything into a storm drain system.
- Recycle used cooking oil. Never dump oils into the storm drain or down the sink.



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