



# 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.

### Household Hazardous Waste

Household products that contain corrosive, toxic, ignitable, or reactive ingredients are considered to be household hazardous waste. Products, such as paints, cleaners, oils, batteries and pesticides that contain potentially hazardous ingredients require special care when you dispose of them. Follow these recommendations to minimize the risks associated with household hazardous wastes.

- Consider reducing your purchase of products that contain hazardous ingredients.
- Learn about the use of alternative methods or products-without hazardous ingredients-for some common household needs.
- Use and store products containing hazardous substances carefully to prevent any accidents at home.
- Never store hazardous products in food containers; keep them in their original containers and never remove labels.
- Always store hazardous materials indoors or under cover.
- Corroding containers, however, require special handling. Call the Thurston County HazoHouse at 360-786-5494 for instructions.
- When leftovers remain, never mix with other products. Incompatible products might react, ignite, or explode, and contaminated materials might become unrecyclable.
- Remember to follow any instructions for use and disposal provided on product labels.
- Call the Thurston County HazoHouse for information on recycling and disposal of unwanted materials.



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[www.ci.tumwater.wa.us](http://www.ci.tumwater.wa.us)