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Storm Water

Best Management Practices

Quick Facts for Your Business

Discharges from a business site should either go to an approved sewer connection or storm water than runs-off after a rain event.

PREVENT

Keep storm water away from working areas and keep work areas and materials stored away from storm water drains.

Manage storm water as it enters the site and before it leaves with retention, filters, or other Best Management Practices.

PROTECT

Store chemicals, materials, and vehicles in designated and protected areas to limit their contact with storm water. Store chemicals in protected, ventilated spaces with spill control measures.

TRAIN

A spill prevention plan is only as good as the employees who have to implement it.

Make sure all employees are up to date on spill, equipment cleaning and chemical storage procedures.

Prevention

Label storm drains on your work site clearly with “Drains to water way” or “Drains to River/Creek”.

Store any chemicals required to be onsite away from drain areas in properly ventilated cabinets or rooms with floor linings that can contain accidental spills. Inside storage when available is preferred to prevent contact with storm water.

Train employees on best management practices and why they are important. Investing in training can help prevent costly clean ups and future liability to your business.

Alert your clients to pollution prevention and recycling opportunities when available.

Protection

Shipping and loading areas, outdoor equipment storage, vehicle maintenance areas and other working areas often contain raw materials, process liquids, grease, oily wastes, heavy metals and various vehicle fluids that can contaminate storm water

Prevent storm water or wash water from coming into contact with working areas that may carry pollutants into the storm drain system.

Manage storm water before it leaves the site through the use of filters, retention ponds, or capture and reuse.

Consider Low Impact Development techniques that infiltrate storm water create from hardscapes and impervious surfaces.

If a Spill Occurs...

Do you have a procedure in place?

Are your Employees Trained?

Have a procedure for what to do when a spill occurs and train employees on how to respond to an incident. This should include procedures for all size or volumes.

Small spills can often be cleaned with a rag
Larger spills may require other absorbent materials sometime referred to generally as “kitty litter”.

Once a spill is absorbed be sure to dispose of the absorbent in the appropriate way.

Rags should be stored separately from the regular trash bin.

Once the spill is absorbed, the absorbent material should be disposed of appropriately depending on the type chemical absorbed.

Depending on where a spill occurs take precautions to cover storm drains and inlets until cleanup has occurred. This minimizes potential pollutants entering the water way.

If your site handles hazardous materials contact the authorities in the event of a spill.

Dial 911

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