



A watershed is the total land area from which rainwater and snowmelt drains into a stream, river, or body of water. Your business lies within the watershed and your actions have a direct impact on the health and cleanliness of that watershed. These Best Management Practices can help keep pollution such as oil, grease, and cleaning fluids out of our stormwater and out of our local streams, rivers, and lakes.

Best Management Practices to Stop Stormwater Pollution

FOR AUTOMOTIVE BUSINESSES



Changing Oil and Other Fluids

Conduct maintenance work indoors in a properly designated area. Use drip pans to capture automotive fluid. Properly drain gas, oil, brake, and radiator fluids and transfer fluids to a waste storage area as soon as possible.

Spill Cleanup

Keep spill kits near stored chemicals. Cleanup spills immediately using rags, absorbent mats, cat litter, or some other absorbent material. Finish cleaning up spills using dry methods such as sweeping or vacuuming. Never hose down a spill.



Cleaning Auto Parts

Use self-contained sinks and tanks when cleaning parts with degreasing solvents. Use pans or absorbent mats or work in a contained bay to prevent runoff from entering storm drains. If any soap is used, washwater must be collected and disposed of to the sanitary sewer system.

Storage and Disposal of Waste

Keep dumpsters closed and covered at all times. Inspect containers regularly and replace if leakage is occurring due to deterioration or corrosion. Sweep and clean the storage area regularly. Recycle or dispose of hazardous waste using a licensed service.



Keep a Clean Shop!

Sweep your shop and parking lot regularly. Never hose down equipment, auto parts, spills, or work areas. Make sure all washwater is contained and disposed of properly. And never dump anything down the storm drains!

For more information about Best Management Practices and the Stormwater Management Program visit www.cityofslt.us/stormwater or call (530) 542-6038.

Remember: Proper liquid management is important even if you're not located near a natural water source. Contaminated liquids that soak into the ground affect our groundwater which eventually becomes our tap water.