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# Chapter I Introduction

## I.1 Purpose of this Book

This book provides guidance for selecting source control Best Management Practices (BMPs) to meet Minimum Requirement #3, as described in Book 1 of this manual, and for meeting source control requirements pursuant to Clark County Code (CCC) [Chapter 13.26A](#), Water Quality. Best Management Practices (BMPs) means schedules of activities, prohibitions of practices, maintenance procedures, and other physical, structural, and/or managerial practices that prevent or reduce the release of pollutants and other adverse impacts to waters of Washington State. BMPs can be used singularly or in combination.

Stormwater source control BMPs focus on preventing stormwater pollution from occurring, as opposed to other BMP types that attempt to reduce the volume, timing, or existing pollution in stormwater flows.

## I.2 Content and Organization of this Book

Book 3 of the Clark County Stormwater Manual contains three chapters. Chapter 1 serves as an introduction and provides descriptions of operational and structural source control BMPs. It distinguishes between required (mandatory) BMPs, and recommended BMPs. It describes the relationship between the source control BMPs in this book and regulatory requirements.

In Chapter 2, [Section 2.1](#) presents operational BMPs that are generally appropriate for commercial and industrial establishments. [Section 2.2](#) contains operational and structural BMPs designed to address specific types of pollutant sources.

[Chapter 3](#) presents suggested BMPs to prevent contamination of stormwater runoff for use on residential properties.

The appendices in this book contain additional information on selected topics. In particular, [Appendix 3-A](#) lists common pollutant sources associated with specific businesses and public agencies and [Appendix 3-B](#) describes types of pollutants found in stormwater.

## I.3 How to Use this Book

Use this book to select specific BMPs for source control for inclusion in a Stormwater Site Plan, as required in [Book 1, Section 1.8](#).

Operators of commercial, industrial, and multifamily properties not under a permit from the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) should use this book in developing their Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans (SWPPPs).

Owners and tenants of residential properties should use the book to learn about ways to avoid polluting waterways while caring for and maintaining the home and landscape.

Commercial, industrial, and multifamily property owner users may consult [Appendix 3-A](#) regarding their specific businesses and activities and to identify their common pollutant sources. Then refer to [Chapter 2](#) of this book to identify source control BMPs for a given type of pollutant source. [Chapter 2](#) also contains design criteria for source control BMPs. Some users will wish to refer to additional appendices for specific information on regulatory requirements affecting their projects.

Residential users may consult [Chapter 3](#) for a basic manual for source control on residential properties. Residential users may consult this chapter for information on how to care for home and yard without allowing pollutants to enter storm drains and waterways.

This book's appendices include additional educational materials for the user to better understand commonly known stormwater pollutants types and their typical generating sources. This information is provided to help meet the education and outreach requirements of the County's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems (NPDES) Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit.

This book identifies some source control treatment BMPs that apply to specific types of pollutant sources. For a more complete discussion of treatment BMP selection and design, refer to [Books 1](#) and [2](#), respectively.

## 1.4 Operational and Structural Source Control BMPs

There are two categories of source control BMPs: operational and structural.

Operational source control BMPs are non-structural practices that prevent or reduce pollutants from entering stormwater. Examples include formation of a pollution prevention team, good housekeeping practices, preventive maintenance procedures, spill prevention and cleanup, employee training, inspections of pollutant sources, and record keeping. They can also include process changes, raw material/product changes, and recycling wastes. [Section 2.1](#) contains a general discussion of operational source controls that are frequently used.

Most stormwater experts consider operational source control BMPs the most cost-effective practice to reduce pollution.

Structural source control BMPs are physical, structural, or mechanical devices or facilities intended to prevent pollutants from entering stormwater. Structural source control BMPs typically include:

- Enclosing and/or covering the pollutant source (e.g. within a building or other enclosure, a roof over storage and working areas, temporary tarp, etc.).
- Physically segregating the pollutant source to prevent run-on of uncontaminated stormwater.
- Using devices that direct contaminated stormwater to appropriate treatment BMPs (e.g., discharge to a sanitary sewer if allowed by the local sewer authority).



## 1.5 Treatment BMPs for Specific Pollutant Sources

This book also identifies specific treatment BMPs that apply to particular pollutant sources, such as fueling stations, railroad yards, material storage and transfer areas, etc.

Treatment BMPs are intended to remove pollutants from stormwater. Examples include settling basins or vaults, oil/water separators, biofilters, wet ponds, constructed wetlands, infiltration systems, and emerging technologies such as media filtration.

## 1.6 Distinction between Required BMPs and Recommended BMPs

This book uses the terminology “required BMPs” and “recommended BMPs” to address an important distinction. This section explains the use of these terms.

### Required (Mandatory) BMPs

The Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit requires local governments to use operational and structural source control BMPs for pollutant generating sources.

Clark County requires the use of BMPs listed as “required” (mandatory) at new developments and redevelopment sites, when applicable to meet Minimum Requirement #3, and at commercial, industrial, and multifamily properties, when applicable to meet the standards of [Clark County Code \(CCC\) 13.26A](#).

Other facilities that are not required by an NPDES permit or Clark County to use the BMPs described in this book are encouraged to implement both required and recommended BMPs.

Regulatory programs such as the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), water quality certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, and Hydraulic Project Approvals (HPAs) may require use of the BMPs described in this book.

### Recommended BMPs

This book also contains recommended BMPs. Clark County offers these BMPs as approaches that go beyond or complement the required (mandatory) BMPs. Implementing the recommended BMPs may improve control of pollutants and provide a more comprehensive and environmentally effective stormwater management program. Ecology encourages all operators to review their SWPPPs and use recommended BMPs where possible.

## I.7 Regulatory Requirements Affecting Stormwater Pollutant Control

This manual is equivalent to the *Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington* (Ecology, 2019) as applied to a variety of state stormwater permits, including: the Construction Stormwater General Permit, the Industrial Stormwater General Permit, and the Sand and Gravel General Permit, as well as point source permits such as the Boatyard General Permit, Fresh Fruit Packing General Permit, Wastewater Treatment Permits, and others.

Refer to the Introduction to the Manual and to [Appendix 3-D](#) for information on related requirements from the following organizations:

- Clark County or Ecology requirements for discharges to storm drainage, discharges to sanitary sewers; stormwater flow control, treatment, and pollutant source control; and air pollution control.
- Ecology requirements for dangerous or hazardous wastes, underground storage tanks, waste reduction, spill control and cleanup, and NPDES stormwater and wastewater discharge permit requirements.
- U. S. Environmental Protection Agency requirements for spill control and cleanup plans, and for NPDES permits on tribal lands.
- Washington State Department of Agriculture requirements for pesticide and fertilizer application control.
- Local Health Department requirements for the disposal of solid wastes to landfills or other facilities.
- U. S. Coast Guard requirements for transfer of petroleum products between marine vessels and onshore facilities and related spill control.
- Local and Washington State Fire Marshal requirements for storage and handling of flammable materials.

*According to Washington state law, all spills of hazardous material and oil must be reported immediately by the spiller. If you find a spill, but are not the spiller, you should also report it. Call the following THREE (3) numbers:*

*National Response Center: 800-424-8802 (24-hours)*

*– AND –*

*Washington Emergency Management Division: 800-258-5990 –OR– 800-OILS-911 (24-hours)*

*– AND –*

*Ecology Southwest Regional Office: 360-407-6300*

*For stormwater technical assistance or to report a water quality problem, call Clark County Public Works at 564-397-4345.*



## Chapter 2 Selection of Operational and Structural Source Control BMPs

Urban stormwater pollutant sources include manufacturing and commercial areas; high use vehicle parking lots; material (including wastes) storage and handling; vehicle/equipment fueling, washing, maintenance, and repair areas; erodible soil; streets/highways; and the handling/application of de-icers and lawn care products.

Operators can achieve reduction or the elimination of stormwater pollutants by implementing operational source control BMPs. Operational source control BMPs include formation of a pollution prevention team, good housekeeping practices, preventive maintenance procedures, spill prevention and cleanup, employee training, regular inspections, and record keeping. These BMPs can be combined with impervious containments and covers, i.e., structural source control BMPs. If operational and structural source control BMPs are not feasible or adequate then stormwater treatment BMPs will be necessary. Owners should select cost-effective source control BMPs based on site-specific pollutants and their sources.

*Refer to [Section 1.6](#) of this book for the definitions of Required BMPs and Recommended BMPs.*

Base the initial selection of source control BMPs on land use and the pollutant generating sources. [Appendix 3-A](#) describes various land uses, activities and the potential pollutant generating sources associated with those activities. The BMPs in this chapter may also be appropriate for land uses not listed in [Appendix 3-A](#).

For example, if a commercial printing business conducts weed control with herbicides, loading and unloading of materials, and vehicle washing, it should refer to the following BMP sections for these activities:

- Landscaping and Lawn/Vegetation Management.
- Loading and Unloading Areas for Liquid or Solid Material.
- Washing and Steam Cleaning Vehicle/Equipment/Building Structures.
- Commercial Printing Operations.

### 2.1 Required (Mandatory) Operational Source Control BMPs

**Sites & facilities that require the implementation of source control**

## BMPs

Clark County requires implementation of the following listed seven operational source control BMPs at:

- Commercial properties
- Industrial properties
- Multifamily properties
- Boatyards
- Sand and gravel mining operations

### 1. Formation of a Pollution Prevention Team

- Assign one or more individuals to be responsible for stormwater pollution control. Hold regular meetings to review the overall operation of the BMPs. Establish responsibilities for inspections, operation, maintenance, and for emergencies. Train all team members in the operation, maintenance, and inspections of BMPs, and reporting procedures.

### 2. Good Housekeeping

- Promptly contain and clean up solid and liquid pollutant leaks and spills including oils, solvents, fuels, and dust from manufacturing operations on any exposed soil, vegetation, or paved area.
- Sweep all appropriate surfaces with vacuum sweepers quarterly or more frequently as needed for the collection and disposal of dust and debris that could contaminate stormwater.
- Do not hose down pollutants from any area to the ground, storm drains, conveyance ditches, or receiving water unless necessary for dust control purposes to meet air quality regulations. Convey pollutants before discharge to a treatment system approved by Clark County.
- Clean oils, debris, sludge, etc. from all stormwater facilities regularly, including catch basins, settling/detention basins, oil/water separators, boomed areas, and conveyance systems to prevent the contamination of stormwater. Refer to the section on Related Regulations in the Introduction to the Manual, Ecology Requirements for Generators of Dangerous Wastes, for references to assist in handling potentially dangerous waste.
- Promptly repair or replace all substantially cracked or otherwise damaged paved secondary containment, high-intensity parking, and any other drainage areas, subjected to pollutant material leaks or spills. Promptly repair or replace all leaking connections, pipes, hoses, valves, etc., which can contaminate stormwater.
- Do not connect floor drains in potential pollutant source areas to storm drains, surface water, or to the ground.

### Recommended Additional Good Housekeeping BMPs

- Clean up pollutant liquid leaks and spills in impervious uncovered containment areas at the end of each working day.
- Use solid absorbents, e.g., clay and peat absorbents and rags for cleanup of liquid spills/leaks, where practicable.
- Promptly repair/replace/reseal damaged paved areas at industrial facilities.
- Recycle materials, such as oils, solvents, and wood waste, to the maximum extent practicable.

### 3. Preventive Maintenance

- Prevent the discharge of unpermitted liquid or solid wastes, process wastewater, and sewage to ground or surface water, or to storm drains that discharge to surface water, or to the ground. Conduct all oily parts cleaning, steam cleaning, or pressure washing of equipment or containers inside a building, or on an impervious contained area, such as a concrete pad. Direct contaminated stormwater from such an area to a sanitary sewer where allowed by local sewer authority, or to other approved treatment.
- Pressure wash impervious surfaces contaminated with oils, metals, sediment, etc. Collect the resulting washwater for proper disposal (usually involves plugging storm drains, or otherwise preventing discharge and pumping or vacuuming up washwater, for discharge to sanitary sewer or for vector truck transport to a waste water treatment plant for disposal).



**Figure 2.1: Collecting Washwater for Disposal**

(Source: Fresh Look Mobil Power Wash)

- Do not pave over contaminated soil unless it has been determined that ground water has not been and will not be contaminated by the soil. Call Ecology for assistance.

- Construct impervious areas that are compatible with the materials handled. Portland cement concrete, asphalt, or equivalent material may be considered.
- Use drip pans to collect leaks and spills from industrial/ commercial equipment such as cranes at ship/boat building and repair facilities, log stackers, industrial parts, trucks, and other vehicles stored outside.
- At industrial and commercial facilities, drain oil and fuel filters before disposal. Discard empty oil and fuel filters, oily rags, and other oily solid waste into appropriately closed and properly labeled containers, and in compliance with the Uniform Fire Code or International Building Code.
- For the storage of liquids use containers, such as steel and plastic drums, that are rigid and durable, corrosion resistant to the weather and fluid content, non-absorbent, water tight, rodent-proof, and equipped with a close fitting cover.
- For the temporary storage of solid wastes contaminated with liquids or other potential polluted materials use dumpsters, drop boxes, garbage cans, drums, and comparable containers, which are durable, corrosion resistant, non-absorbent, non-leaking, and equipped with either a solid cover or screen cover to prevent littering. If covered with a screen, the container must be stored under a roof or other form of adequate cover.
- Where exposed to stormwater, use containers, piping, tubing, pumps, fittings, and valves that are appropriate for their intended use and for the contained liquid.

#### **Recommended Additional Preventive Maintenance BMPs**

- Where feasible, store potential stormwater pollutant materials inside a building or under a cover and/or containment.
- Minimize use of toxic cleaning solvents, such as chlorinated solvents, and other toxic chemicals.
- Use environmentally safe raw materials, products, additives, etc. such as substitutes for zinc used in rubber production.
- Recycle waste materials such as solvents, coolants, oils, degreasers, and batteries to the maximum extent feasible. Refer to [Appendix 3-C](#) for recommendations on recycling or disposal of vehicle waste liquids and other waste materials.
- Empty drip pan immediately after a spill or a leak is collected in an uncovered area.
- Place metal medallions at stormwater catch basins and drains. See [Book 1, Figure 1.5](#).

Note: Evidence of stormwater contamination by oils and grease can include the presence of visible sheen, color, or turbidity in the runoff, or present or historical operational problems at the facility. Operators can use simple pH tests, for example with litmus or pH paper. These tests can screen for high or low pH levels (anything outside a 6.5-8.5 range) due to contamination in stormwater.

- Place signage near potential discharge locations describing emergency response information such as spill kit instructions, shut-off valve instructions, and spill response contact information.



Note: Signs for regulated Underground Storage Tank systems must meet requirements under [Washington Administrative Code \(WAC\) 173-360](#).

#### 4. Spill Prevention and Cleanup

*According to Washington state law, all spills of hazardous material or oil must be reported immediately by the spiller. If you find a spill, but are not the spiller, you should also report it. Call the following THREE (3) numbers:*

*National Response Center: 800-424-8802 (24-hours)*

*– AND –*

*Washington Emergency Management Division: 800-258-5990 –OR– 800-OILS-911 (24-hours)*

*– AND –*

*Ecology Southwest Regional Office: 360-407-6300*

- Stop, contain, and clean up all spills immediately upon discovery.
- If pollutant materials are stored on-site, have spill containment and cleanup kits readily accessible.
- If the spill has reached or may reach a sanitary or a storm sewer, ground water, or surface water notify Clark County, Ecology, and the local sewer authority immediately. Notification must comply with and federal spill reporting requirements. (See also record keeping at the end of this section and [S406](#) BMPs for Spills of Oil and Hazardous Substances.)
- Do not flush or otherwise direct absorbent materials or other spill cleanup materials to a storm drain. Collect the contaminated absorbent material as a solid and place in appropriate disposal containers.

##### Recommended Additional Spill Prevention and Cleanup BMP

- Place and maintain emergency spill containment and cleanup kit(s) at outside areas where there is a potential for fluid spills. These kits should be appropriate for the materials and the size of a potential spill. Locate spill kits within 25 feet of all fueling/fuel transfer areas, including on-board mobile fuel trucks.

Facilities covered under Industrial Stormwater General Permit must provide secondary containment for all chemical liquids, fluids, and petroleum products stored on-site.



**Figure 2.2: Spill Kit**

(Source: Brady Worldwide)

Note: Ecology recommends that the kit(s) include salvage drums or containers, such as high density polyethylene, polypropylene, or polyethylene sheet-lined steel; polyethylene or equivalent disposal bags; an emergency response guidebook; safety gloves/clothes/equipment; shovels or other soil removal equipment; and oil containment booms and absorbent pads; all stored in an impervious container.

## 5. Employee Training

- Train all employees that work in pollutant source areas in:
  - Identifying pollutant sources.
  - Understanding pollutant control measures.
  - Responding to spills.
  - Handling practices that are environmentally acceptable, particularly those related to vehicle/equipment liquids such as fuels, and vehicle/equipment cleaning.
- Train all employees that operate or maintain underground storage tanks in accordance with the [Washington Underground Storage Tanks law \(Chapter 90.76 RCW\)](#).

## 6. Inspections

Qualified personnel shall conduct visual inspections monthly. Make and maintain a record of each inspection on-site. Inspections shall:

- Verify the accuracy of the pollutant source descriptions in the SWPPP.
- Verify the performance of the stormwater operational and structural source controls and the treatment BMPs.
- Reflect current conditions on the site.
- Include written observations of the presence of floating materials, suspended solids, oil and grease, discoloration, turbidity, and odor in the stormwater discharges; in outside vehicle maintenance/repair, liquid handling, and storage areas. In areas where acid or alkaline materials are handled or stored use a simple litmus or pH paper to identify those types of stormwater contaminants where needed.
- Eliminate or obtain a permit for unpermitted non-stormwater discharges to storm drains or receiving waters, such as process wastewater and vehicle/equipment washwater.

## 7. Record Keeping

This BMP is applicable to NPDES Permit holders.

Retain the following reports for five years:

- Visual inspection reports which should include:

- Time and date of the inspection
- Locations inspected
- Statement on status of compliance with the permit
- Summary report of any remediation activities required
- Name, title, and signature of person conducting the inspection
- Reports on spills of oil or hazardous substances in greater than Reportable Quantities ([Code of Federal Regulations Title 40](#), Parts 302.4 and 117). Report spills of the following: antifreeze, oil, gasoline, or diesel fuel, that cause:
  - A violation of the State of Washington's Water Quality Standards.
  - A film or sheen upon or discoloration of the waters of the State or adjoining shorelines.
  - A sludge or emulsion to be deposited beneath the surface of the water or upon adjoining shorelines.
- To report a spill or to determine if a spill is a substance of a Reportable Quantity, call the following THREE (3) numbers:

Ecology Southwest Regional Office: (360) 407-6300

– AND –

Washington Emergency Management Division: 1-800-258-5990 or 1-800-OILS-911

– AND –

National Response Center: 1-800-424-8802

*Also, refer to [Focus on Emergency Spill Response](#), Department of Ecology Publication # 97-1165-CP.*

### Additional Recommended Record Keeping

- Maintain records of all related pollutant control and pollutant generating activities such as training, materials purchased, material use and disposal, maintenance performed, etc.

## 2.2 Pollutant Source-Specific BMPs

Clark County requires implementation of the required (mandatory) source control BMPs at the following types of sites where activities listed in this book are taking place:

- Commercial properties
- Industrial properties
- Multifamily properties
- Boatyards
- Sand and gravel mining operations

The source-specific BMPs described in this section may be applied to control the sources of pollutants identified in [Appendix 3-A](#). Ecology encourages all operators of facilities that implement pollutant-generating sources in [Appendix 3-A](#) to review their SWPPPs and use both the required (mandatory) and recommended BMPs where possible.

Some emerging technologies may be used as source controls. Ecology developed the Technology Assessment Protocol – Ecology (TAPE) and Chemical Technology Assessment Protocol Ecology (CTAPE) protocols to help local governments in selecting new stormwater treatment technologies. Ecology posts information on emerging technologies at the emerging technologies website: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/newtech/index.html>.

## S401 BMPs for the Building, Repair, and Maintenance of Boats and Ships

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**Description of Pollutant Sources:** Sources of pollutants for the building, repair, and maintenance of boats and ships at boatyards, shipyards, ports, and marinas include pressure washing, surface preparation, paint removal, sanding, painting, engine maintenance and repairs, and material handling and storage, if conducted outdoors.

Potential pollutants include spent abrasive grits, solvents, oils, ethylene glycol, washwater, paint over-spray, cleaners/detergents, anti-corrosive compounds, paint chips, scrap metal, welding rods, resins, glass fibers, dust, and miscellaneous trash. Pollutant constituents include total suspected solids (TSS), oil and grease, organics, copper, lead, tin, and zinc.

**Pollutant Control Approach:** Apply good housekeeping, preventive maintenance, and cover and contain BMPs in and around work areas.

### Required Operational BMPs

Ecology's NPDES Boatyard General Permit requires coverage of all boatyards in Washington State which engage in the construction, repair and maintenance of small vessels, 85% of which are 65 feet or less in length, or revenues from which constitute more than 85% of gross receipts. Ecology may require coverage under an individual NPDES permit for large boatyards and shipyards in Washington State not covered by the Boatyard General Permit or Industrial Stormwater General Permit (ISGP). The required operational BMPs are:

- Clean regularly all accessible work, service, and storage areas to remove debris, spent sandblasting material, and any other potential stormwater pollutants.
- Avoid the use of soaps, detergents and other chemicals that need to be rinsed or hosed off in the water. If necessary, consider applying sparingly so that a sponge, towel or rag can be used to remove residuals. Consider instead washing the boat in a suitable controlled area (see [S431](#) BMPs for Washing and Steam Cleaning Vehicles/ Equipment/ Building Structures) while it is out of the water.
- Sweep rather than hose debris on the dock. Collect and convey hose water to treatment if hosing is unavoidable,
- Collect spent abrasives regularly and store under cover to await proper disposal.
- Dispose of greasy rags, oil filters, air filters, batteries, spent coolant, and degreasers properly.
- Drain oil filters before disposal or recycling.
- Immediately repair or replace leaking connections, valves, pipes, hoses, and equipment that causes the contamination of stormwater.
- Use drip pans, drop cloths, tarpaulins, or other protective devices in all paint mixing and solvent operations unless carried out in impervious contained and covered areas.

- Convey sanitary sewage to pump-out stations, portable on-site pump-outs, or commercial mobile pump-out facilities or other appropriate onshore facilities.
- Maintain automatic bilge pumps in a manner that will prevent automatic pumping of waste material into surface water.
- Prohibit uncontained spray painting, blasting or sanding activities over open water.
- Do not dump or pour waste materials down floor drains, sinks, or outdoor storm drain inlets that discharge to surface water. Plug floor drains connected to storm drains or to surface water. If necessary, install a regularly operated sump pump.
- Prohibit outside spray-painting, blasting, or sanding activities during windy conditions that render containment ineffective.
- Do not burn paint and/or use spray guns on topsides or above decks.
- Immediately clean up any spillage on pier, wharf, boat, ship deck, or adjacent surface areas and dispose of the wastes properly.
- In the event of an accidental discharge of oil or hazardous material into waters of the state or onto land with a potential for entry into state waters, immediately notify the yard, port, or marina owner or manager, Clark County, the Department of Ecology, and the National Response Center (see [Section 2.1](#) of this book). If the spill can reach or has reached marine water, call the U.S. Coast Guard at 1-800-424-8802.

## Required Structural Source Control BMPs

- Use fixed platforms with appropriate plastic or tarpaulin barriers as work surfaces and for containment when performing work on a vessel in the water to prevent blast material or paint overspray from contacting stormwater or the receiving water. Keep use of such platforms to a minimum and do not perform extensive repair or construction in the water (anything in excess of 25 percent of the surface area of the vessel above the waterline).
- Use plastic or tarpaulin barriers beneath the hull and between the hull and dry dock walls to contain and collect waste and spent materials. Clean and sweep regularly to remove debris.
- Enclose, cover, or contain blasting and sanding activities to the maximum extent practicable to prevent abrasives, dust, and paint chips, from reaching storm sewers or receiving waters. Use plywood and/or plastic sheeting to cover open areas between decks when sandblasting (scuppers, railings, freeing ports, ladders, and doorways).
- Direct deck drainage to a collection system sump for settling and/or additional treatment.
- Store cracked batteries in covered secondary containers.
- Apply source control BMPs given in this chapter for other activities conducted at the marina, boat yard, shipyard, or port facility ([S409](#) BMPs for Fueling at Dedicated Stations, [S431](#) BMPs for Washing and Steam Cleaning Vehicle/Equipment/Building Structures, and [S426](#) BMPs for Spills of Oil and Hazardous Substances).

## **Recommended Additional Operational BMPs**

- Consider recycling paint, paint thinner, solvents, used oils, oil filters, pressure wash wastewater and any other recyclable materials.
- Perform paint and solvent mixing, fuel mixing, etc. on shore.

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## S402 BMPs for Commercial Animal Handling Areas

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**Description of Pollutant Sources:** Animals at racetracks, kennels, fenced pens, veterinarians, and businesses that provide boarding services for horses, dogs, cats, etc., can generate pollutants from the following activities: manure deposits, animal washing, grazing, and any other animal handling activity that could contaminate stormwater. Pollutants can include coliform bacteria, nutrients, and total suspended solids. Individual Stormwater Permits covering commercial animal handling facilities include additional required source controls.

**Pollutant Control Approach:** To prevent, to the maximum extent practicable, the discharge of contaminated stormwater from animal handling and keeping areas.

### Required Operational BMPs

- Regularly sweep and clean animal keeping areas to collect and properly dispose of droppings, uneaten food, and other potential stormwater contaminants.
- Do not hose down areas that contain potential stormwater contaminants where they drain to storm drains or to receiving waters.
- Do not discharge any washwater to storm drains or to receiving waters without proper treatment.
- If the operator keeps animals in unpaved and uncovered areas, the ground must have either vegetative cover or some other type of ground cover such as mulch.
- Surround the area where animals are kept with a fence or other means to prevent animals from moving away from the controlled area where BMPs are used.

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## S403 BMPs for Commercial Composting

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**Description of Pollutant Sources:** Commercial composting facilities, operating outside without cover, require large areas to decompose wastes and other feedstocks. Design these facilities to separate stormwater from leachate (i.e., industrial wastewater) to the greatest extent possible. When stormwater contacts any active composting areas, including waste receiving and processing areas, it becomes leachate. Pollutants in leachate include nutrients, biochemical oxygen demand (BOD), organics, coliform bacteria, acidic pH, color, and suspended solids. Stormwater at composting facilities include runoff from areas not associated with active processing and curing, such as product storage areas, vehicle maintenance areas, and access roads.

**NPDES and State Solid Waste Permit Requirements:** Solid Waste Regulations require the collection and containment of all leachate produced from activities at commercial composting facilities. Composting facilities that propose to discharge to surface water, municipal sewer system, or ground water must obtain the appropriate permits. Zero discharge is possible by containing all leachate from the facility (in tanks or ponds) for use early in the composting process or preventing production of leachate (by composting under a roof or in an enclosed building).

**Pollutant Control Approach:** Consider zero leachate discharge.

### Required Operational BMPs

- Ensure that the compost feedstocks do not contain dangerous wastes, regulated under [Chapter 173-303 WAC](#) or hazardous products of a similar nature, or solid wastes that are not beneficial to the composting process. Train employees to screen these materials out of incoming feedstocks.
- All composting facilities shall obtain the appropriate state and local permits. Contact your local permitting authority and local health department for more information.
- Apply for coverage under the Industrial Stormwater General Permit if the facility discharges stormwater to surface water or a municipal stormwater system. If all stormwater from the facility properly infiltrates to ground water, the Industrial Stormwater General Permit is not required. There are some cases where an Individual State Waste Discharge permit is required. Check with your local Ecology office and health department to discuss your permitting options.
- Store finished compost in a manner to prevent contamination of stormwater.

### Required Structural Source Control BMPs

- Compost pads are required.
- Provide curbing for all compost pads to prevent stormwater run-on and leachate run-off.
- Slope all compost pads sufficiently to direct leachate to the collection device.
- Provide one or more sumps or catch basins capable of collecting all leachate generated by the design storm and conveying it to the leachate holding structure for all compost pads.

## Required Treatment BMPs

- Convey all leachate from composting operations to a sanitary sewer, holding tank, or on-site treatment systems designed to treat the leachate and TSS.
- Line ponds used to collect, store, or treat leachate and other contaminated waters associated with the composting process. Ponds shall meet the design standards of [WAC 173-350-220](#), including All Known Available and Reasonable Methods of Prevention and Treatment (AKART). Maintain all pond liners, regardless of the construction materials.

## Recommended Additional BMPs

- Clean up debris from yard areas regularly.
- Locate stored residues in areas designed to collect leachate.
- Limit storage times of residues to prevent degradation and generation of leachate.
- Consider using leachate as make-up water in early stages of the composting process. Do not use leachate for moisture or dust control, on finished products or nearly finished compost since leachate can contain pathogenic bacteria. This recommended practice will limit the potential re-inoculation of these materials with pathogens.
- In areas of the state with dry climates, consider using evaporation as a means of reducing the quantity of leachate.

## S404 BMPs for Commercial Printing Operations

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**Description of Pollutant Sources:** Materials used in the printing process include inorganic and organic acids, resins, solvents, polyester film, developers, alcohol, vinyl lacquer, dyes, acetates, and polymers. Waste products may include waste inks and ink sludge, resins, photographic chemicals, solvents, acid and alkaline solutions, chlorides, chromium, zinc, lead, spent formaldehyde, silver, plasticizers, and used lubricating oils. With indoor printing operations, the only likely points of potential contact with stormwater are the outside temporary storage of waste materials and offloading of chemicals at external unloading bays. Pollutants can include TSS, pH, heavy metals, oil and grease, and biological oxygen demand (BOD).

**Pollutant Control Approach:** Ensure appropriate disposal and NPDES permitting of process wastes. Cover and contain stored raw and waste materials.

### Required Operational BMPs

- Discharge process wastewaters to a sanitary sewer, if approved by the local sewer authority, or to an approved process wastewater treatment system.
- Do not discharge process wastes or wastewaters into storm sewers or surface water.
- Determine whether any of these wastes qualify for regulation as dangerous wastes and dispose of them accordingly.

### Required Structural Source Control BMP

- Store raw materials or waste materials that could contaminate stormwater in covered and contained areas.

### Recommended Additional BMPs

- Train all employees in pollution prevention, spill response, and environmentally acceptable materials handling procedures.
- Store materials in proper, appropriately labeled containers. Identify and label all chemical substances.
- Regularly inspect all stormwater management devices and maintain as necessary.
- Try to use press washes without listed solvents, and with the lowest volatile organic compound (VOC) content possible. Do not evaporate ink cleanup trays to the outside atmosphere.
- Place cleanup sludges into a container with a tight lid and dispose of as dangerous waste. Do not dispose of cleanup sludges in the garbage or in containers of soiled towels.

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## S405 BMPs for Deicing and Anti-Icing Operations - Airports and Streets

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**Description of Pollutant Sources:** Operators use deicing and/or apply anti-icing compounds on highways, streets, airport runways, and on aircraft to control ice and snow. Typically, ethylene glycol and propylene glycol are deicers used on aircraft. Deicers commonly used on highways and streets include calcium magnesium acetate (CMA), calcium chloride, magnesium chloride, sodium chloride, urea, and potassium acetate. The deicing and anti-icing compounds become pollutants when conveyed to storm drains or to surface water after application. Leaks and spills of these chemicals can also occur during their handling and storage.

*Refer to 40 CFR Part 449 for [EPA effluent limitations guidelines and new source performance standards](#) to control discharges of pollutants from airport deicing operations.*

### BMPs for Airport De/Anti-icing Operations

**Pollutant Control Approach for Aircraft:** Spent glycol discharges in aircraft application areas are regulated process wastewaters under Ecology's Industrial Stormwater General Permit. BMPs for aircraft de/anti-icers must be consistent with aviation safety and the operational needs of the aircraft operator.

#### Aircraft

##### Required BMPs

*Note this required containment BMP of aircraft de/anti-icing applications and required treatment BMPs for de/anti-icer spent chemicals such as glycols.*

- Conduct aircraft deicing or anti-icing applications in impervious containment areas. Collect aircraft deicer or anti-icer spent chemicals, such as glycol, draining from aircraft in deicing or anti-icing application areas and convey to a sanitary sewer, treatment, or other approved disposal or recovery method. Divert deicing runoff from paved gate areas to appropriate collection areas or conveyances for proper treatment or disposal.
- Do not discharge spent deicer or anti-icer chemicals or stormwater contaminated with aircraft deicer or anti-icer chemicals from application areas, including gate areas into storm drains. No discharge to surface water, or ground water, directly or indirectly should occur.
- Transfer deicing and anti-icing chemicals on an impervious containment pad, or equivalent spill/leak containment area, and store in secondary containment areas. (See [S428](#), BMPs for Storage of Liquids in Permanent Aboveground Tanks.)

##### Recommended Additional BMPs:

- Establish a centralized aircraft de/anti-icing facility, if practicable, or in designated areas of the tarmac equipped with separate collection drains for the spent deicer liquids.

- Consider installing an aircraft de/anti-icing chemical recovery system, or contract with a chemical recycler.

## **Airport Runways/Taxiways**

### **Required BMPs**

- Avoid excessive application of all de/anti-icing chemicals, which could contaminate stormwater.
- Store and transfer de/anti-icing materials on an impervious containment pad or an equivalent containment area and/or under cover in accordance with [S429](#), BMPs for Storage or Transfer (Outside) of Solid Raw Materials, Byproducts, or Finished Products. Consider other material storage and transfer approaches only if, the de/anti-icer material will not contaminate stormwater.

### **Recommended Additional BMPs**

- Include limits on toxic materials and phosphorous in the specifications for de/anti-icers, where applicable.
- Consider using anti-icing materials rather than deicers if it will result in less adverse environmental impact.
- Select cost-effective de/anti-icers that cause the least adverse environmental impact.



## S406 BMPs for Streets / Highways

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### Required BMPs

- Select de/anti-icers that cause the least adverse environmental impact. Apply only as needed using minimum quantities.
- Where practicable use roadway deicers, such as calcium magnesium acetate, potassium acetate, or similar materials, that cause less adverse environmental impact than urea, and sodium chloride.
- Store and transfer de/anti-icing materials on an impervious containment pad in accordance with [S429](#), BMPs for Storage or Transfer (Outside) of Solid Raw Materials, Byproducts, or Finished Products.
- Sweep/clean up accumulated de/anti-icing materials and grit from roads as soon as possible after the road surface clears.

### Recommended Additional BMPs

- Intensify roadway cleaning in early spring to help remove particulates from road surfaces.
- Include limits on toxic metals in the specifications for de/anti-icers.

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## S407 BMPs for Dust Control at Disturbed Land Areas and Unpaved Roadways and Parking Lots

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**Description of Pollutant Sources:** Dust can cause air and water pollution problems particularly at demolition sites and in dry weather where reduced rainfall exposes soil particles to transport by air.

**Pollutant Control Approach:** Minimize dust generation and apply environmentally friendly and government approved dust suppressant chemicals, if necessary.

### Required Operational BMPs

- Sprinkle or wet down soil or dust with water as long as it does not result in a wastewater discharge.
- Use only local and/or state government approved dust suppressant chemicals such as those listed in Ecology Publication #96-433, *Techniques for Dust Prevention and Suppression*. See also Book 2 BMP C140.
- Avoid excessive and repeated applications of dust suppressant chemicals. Time the application of dust suppressants to avoid or minimize their wash-off by rainfall or human activity such as irrigation.
- Apply stormwater containment to prevent the conveyance of sediment into storm drains or receiving waters.
- Ecology prohibits the use of motor oil for dust control. Take care when using lignin derivatives and other high BOD chemicals in areas susceptible to contaminating surface water or ground water.
- Consult with Ecology and the local permitting authority on discharge permit requirements if the dust suppression process results in a wastewater discharge to the ground, ground water, storm drain, or surface water.

### Recommended Additional Operational BMPs for Roadways and Other Trafficked Areas

- Consider limiting use of off-road recreational vehicles on dust generating land.
- Consider graveling or paving unpaved permanent roads and other trafficked areas at municipal, commercial, and industrial areas.
- Consider paving or stabilizing shoulders of paved roads with gravel, vegetation, or local government approved chemicals.
- Encourage use of alternate paved routes, if available.
- Vacuum sweep fine dirt and skid control materials from paved roads soon after winter weather ends or when needed.

- Consider using pre-washed traction sand to reduce dust emissions.

## Additional Recommended Operational BMPs for Dust Generating Areas

- Prepare a dust control plan. Helpful references include: [Control of Open Fugitive Dust Sources \(EPA-450/3-88-008\)](#), and [Fugitive Dust Background Document and Technical Information Document for Best Available Control Measures \(EPA-450/2-92-004\)](#).
- Limit exposure of soil (dust source) as much as feasible.
- Stabilize dust-generating soil by growing and maintaining vegetation, mulching, topsoiling, and/or applying stone, sand, or gravel.
- Apply windbreaks in the soil such as trees, board fences, tarp curtains, bales of hay, etc.

## S408 BMPs for Dust Control at Manufacturing Areas

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**Description of Pollutant Sources:** Industrial material handling activities can generate considerable amounts of dust that is typically removed using exhaust systems. Mixing cement and concrete products and handling powdered materials can also generate dust. Particulate materials that can cause air pollution include grain dust, sawdust, coal, gravel, crushed rock, cement, and boiler fly ash. Air emissions can contaminate stormwater. The objective of this BMP is to reduce the stormwater pollutants caused by dust generation and control.

**Pollutant Control Approach:** Prevent dust generation and emissions where feasible, regularly clean-up dust that can contaminate stormwater, and convey dust contaminated stormwater to proper treatment.

### Required BMPs

- Clean, as needed, powder material handling equipment and vehicles.
- Regularly sweep dust accumulation areas that can contaminate stormwater. Conduct sweeping using vacuum filter equipment to minimize dust generation and to ensure optimal dust removal.

### Recommended BMPs

- In manufacturing operations, train employees to handle powders carefully to prevent generation of dust.
- Use dust filtration/collection systems such as bag house filters, cyclone separators, etc. to control vented dust emissions that could contaminate stormwater. Control of zinc dusts in rubber production is one example.
- Use water spray to flush dust accumulations to sanitary sewers where allowed by the local sewer authority or to other appropriate treatment system.
- Use approved dust suppressants such as those listed in Ecology Publication *Techniques for Dust Prevention and Suppression*, #96-433 (Ecology, 1996). Application of some products may not be appropriate in close proximity to receiving waters or conveyances close to receiving waters. For more information, check with Ecology.

### Recommended Treatment BMPs

- Install sedimentation basins, wet ponds, wet vaults, catch basin filters, vegetated filter strips, or equivalent sediment removal BMPs.

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## S409 BMPs for Fueling At Dedicated Stations

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**Description of Pollutant Sources:** A fueling station is a facility dedicated to the transfer of fuels from a stationary pumping station to mobile vehicles or equipment. It includes above or underground fuel storage facilities. In addition to general service gas stations, fueling may also occur at 24-hour convenience stores, construction sites, warehouses, car washes, manufacturing establishments, port facilities, and businesses with fleet vehicles. Typical causes of stormwater contamination at fueling stations include leaks/spills of fuels, lube oils, radiator coolants, and vehicle washwater.

**Pollutant Control Approach:** New or substantially remodeled<sup>1</sup> fueling stations must be constructed on an impervious concrete pad under a roof to keep out rainfall and stormwater run-on. The facility must use a treatment BMP for contaminated stormwater and wastewaters in the fueling containment area.

### For New or Substantially Remodeled Fueling Stations

#### Required Operational BMPs

- Prepare an emergency spill response and cleanup plan (per [S426](#), BMPs for Spills of Oil and Hazardous Substances) and have designated trained person(s) available either on site or on call at all times to promptly and properly implement that plan and immediately cleanup all spills. Keep suitable cleanup materials, such as dry adsorbent materials, on site to allow prompt cleanup of a spill.
- Train employees on the proper use of fuel dispensers. Post signs in accordance with the Uniform Fire Code (UFC) or International Fire Code (IFC). Post “No Topping Off” signs (topping off gas tanks causes spillage and vents gas fumes to the air). Make sure that the automatic shutoff on the fuel nozzle is functioning properly.
- The person conducting the fuel transfer must be present at the fueling pump during fuel transfer, particularly at unattended or self-serve stations.
- Keep drained oil filters in a suitable container or drum.

#### Required Structural Source Control BMPs

- Design the fueling island to control spills (dead-end sump or spill control separator in compliance with the UFC or IFC), and to treat collected stormwater and/or wastewater to required levels. Slope the concrete containment pad around the fueling island toward drains;

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<sup>1</sup> Substantial remodeling includes replacing the canopy, or relocating or adding one or more fuel dispensers in such a way that modify the Portland cement concrete (or equivalent) paving in the fueling area.

either trench drains, catch basins and/or a dead-end sump. The slope of the drains shall not be less than 1 percent (Section 7901.8 of the UFC, Section 5703.6.8 of the IFC).

- Drains to treatment facilities must have a normally closed shutoff valve. The spill control sump must be sized in compliance with Section 7901.8 of the UFC; or
- Design the fueling island as a spill containment pad with a sill or berm raised to a minimum of four inches (Section 7901.8 of the UFC) to prevent the runoff of spilled liquids and to prevent run-on of stormwater from the surrounding area. Raised sills are not required at the open-grate trenches that connect to an approved drainage-control system.
- The fueling pad must be paved with Portland cement concrete, or equivalent. Ecology does not consider asphalt an equivalent material.
- The fueling island must have a roof or canopy to prevent the direct entry of precipitation onto the spill containment pad (see Figure 2.3). The roof or canopy should, at a minimum, cover the spill containment pad (within the grade break or fuel dispensing area) and preferably extend several additional feet to reduce the introduction of windblown rain. Convey all roof drains to storm drains outside the fueling containment area.
- Convey stormwater collected on the fuel island containment pad to a sanitary sewer system, if approved by the sanitary authority, or to an approved treatment system such as an oil/water separator and a basic treatment BMP. (Selection criteria for basic treatment BMPs are given in [Book 1, Chapter 3](#) and design criteria are given in [Book 2, Chapters 3 and 4](#).

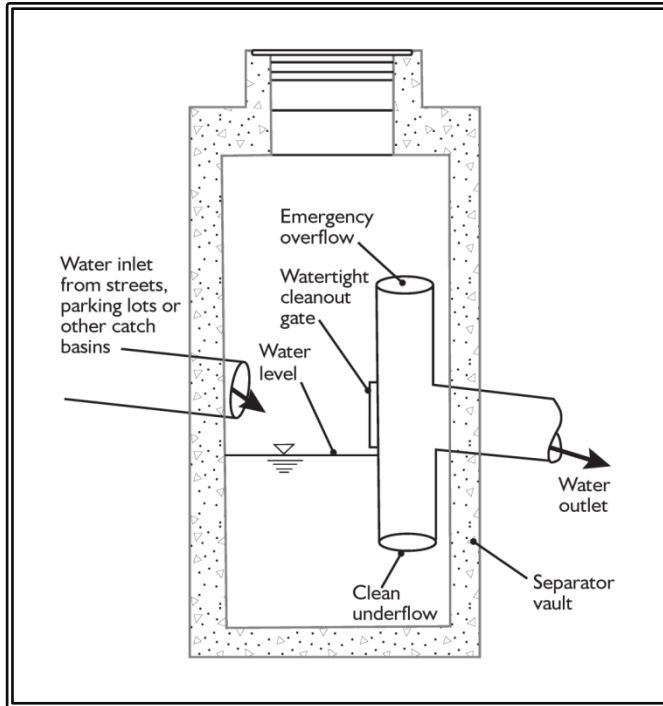


**Figure 2.3: Covered Fuel Island**

(Source: Clark County)

Options include media filters and biofilters). Discharges from treatment systems to storm drains or surface water or to the ground must not display ongoing or recurring visible sheen and must not contain oil and grease.





**Figure 2.4: Spill Control Separator**

(Source: redrawn from 1992 Ecology manual)

- Alternatively, collect stormwater from the fuel island containment pad and hold for proper off-site disposal.
- Approval from the local sewer authority is required for conveyance of any fuel-contaminated stormwater to a sanitary sewer. The discharged stormwater must comply with pretreatment regulations ([WAC 173-216-060](#)). These regulations prohibit discharges that could "cause fire or explosion." State and federal pretreatment regulations define an explosive or flammable mixture, based on a flash point determination of the mixture. Stormwater could be conveyed to a sanitary sewer system if it is determined not to be explosive.
- Transfer the fuel from the delivery tank trucks to the fuel storage tank in impervious contained areas and ensure that appropriate overflow protection is used. Alternatively, cover nearby storm drains during the filling process and use drip pans under all hose connections.

### Additional BMP for Vehicles 10 Feet in Height or Greater

A roof or canopy may not be feasible at fueling stations that regularly fuel vehicles that are 10 feet in height or greater, particularly at industrial or Washington Department of Transportation (WSDOT) sites. At those types of fueling facilities, the following BMPs apply, as well as the required BMPs and fire prevention (UFC requirements) of this BMP for fueling stations:

- If a roof or canopy is impractical, the concrete fueling pad must be equipped with emergency spill control including a shutoff valve for drainage from the fueling area. Maintain the valve in the closed position in the event of a spill. An electronically actuated valve is preferred to

minimize the time lapse between spill and containment. Clean up spills and dispose of materials off-site in accordance with [S426](#), BMPs for Spills of Oil and Hazardous Substances.

- The valve may be opened to convey contaminated stormwater to a sanitary sewer, if approved by the sewer authority, or to oil removal treatment such as an API or CP oil/water separator, catch basin insert, or equivalent treatment, and then to a basic treatment BMP. Discharges from treatment systems to storm sewer or surface water or to the ground must not display ongoing or recurring visible sheen and must not contain greater than a significant amount of oil and grease.

## S410 BMPs for Illicit Connections to Storm Drains

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**Description of Pollutant Sources:** Illicit connections are unpermitted sanitary or process wastewater discharges to a storm sewer or to surface water, rather than to a sanitary sewer, industrial process wastewater, or other appropriate treatment. They can also include swimming pool water, filter backwash, cleaning solutions/washwaters, cooling water, etc. Experience has shown that illicit connections are common, particularly in older buildings.

**Pollutant Control Approach:** Identify and eliminate unpermitted discharges or obtain an NPDES permit, where necessary, particularly at industrial and commercial facilities.

### Required Operational BMPs

- Eliminate unpermitted wastewater discharges to storm sewer, ground water, or surface water.
- Convey unpermitted discharges to a sanitary sewer if allowed by the local sewer authority, or to other approved treatment.
- Obtain appropriate state and local permits for these discharges.
- Notify Clark County Public Works at (564) 397-4345 and the appropriate sewer provider immediately if an illicit connection is discovered.

*Notify Clark County Public Works Clean Water Division at (564) 397-4345 and the appropriate sewer provider immediately if an illicit connection is discovered.*

### Recommended Additional Operational BMPs

At commercial and industrial facilities, conduct a survey of wastewater discharge connections to storm drains and to surface water as follows:

- Conduct a field survey of buildings, particularly older buildings, and other industrial areas to locate storm drains from buildings and paved surfaces. Note where these join the Clark County storm drain(s).
- During non-stormwater conditions inspect each storm drain for non-stormwater discharges. Record the locations of all non-stormwater discharges. Include all permitted discharges.
- If useful, prepare a map of each area. Show on the map the known location of storm sewers, sanitary sewers, and permitted and unpermitted discharges. Aerial photos may be useful. Check records such as piping schematics to identify known side sewer connections and show these on the map. Consider using smoke, dye, or chemical analysis tests to detect connections between two conveyance systems (e.g., process water and stormwater). If desirable, conduct TV inspections of the storm drains and record the footage on videotape.
- Compare the observed locations of connections with the information on the map and revise the map accordingly. Note suspect connections that are inconsistent with the field survey.

- Identify all connections to storm sewers or to surface water and take the actions specified above as required BMPs.

## S411 BMPs for Landscaping and Lawn / Vegetation Management

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**Description of Pollutant Sources:** Landscaping can include grading, soil transfer, vegetation removal, pesticide and fertilizer applications, and watering. Stormwater contaminants include toxic organic compounds, heavy metals, oils, total suspended solids, coliform bacteria, fertilizers, and pesticides.

Lawn and vegetation management can include control of objectionable weeds, insects, mold, bacteria, and other pests with pesticides. Examples include weed control on golf course lawns, access roads, and utility corridors and during landscaping; sap stain and insect control on lumber and logs; rooftop moss removal; killing nuisance rodents; fungicide application to patio decks, and residential lawn/plant care. It is possible to release toxic pesticides such as pentachlorophenol, carbamates, and organometallics to the environment by leaching and dripping from treated parts, container leaks, product misuse, and outside storage of pesticide contaminated materials and equipment. Poor management of the vegetation and poor application of pesticides or fertilizers can cause appreciable stormwater contamination.

**Pollutant Control Approach:** Control of fertilizer and pesticide applications, soil erosion, and site debris to prevent contamination of stormwater.

Develop and implement an Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPM) that considers cultural, mechanical, biological, and chemical control methods. Use pesticides in a manner that is safe and effective. Carefully apply pesticides/ herbicides, in accordance with label instructions. Maintain appropriate vegetation, with proper fertilizer application where practicable, to control erosion and the discharge of stormwater pollutants. Where practicable, grow plant species appropriate for the site, or adjust the soil properties of the site to grow desired plant species.

### Landscaping

#### Required Operational BMPs for Landscaping

- Install engineered soil/landscape systems to improve the infiltration and regulation of stormwater in landscaped areas.
- Do not dispose of collected vegetation into waterways or storm sewer systems.

#### Recommended Additional Operational BMPs for Landscaping

- Conduct mulch-mowing whenever practicable
- Dispose of grass clippings, leaves, sticks, or other collected vegetation by composting, if feasible.
- Use mulch or other erosion control measures on soils exposed for more than one week during the dry season or for more than two days during the rainy season.

- Store and maintain appropriate oil and chemical spill cleanup materials in readily accessible locations when using oil or other chemicals. Ensure that employees are familiar with proper spill cleanup procedures.
- Till fertilizers into the soil rather than dumping or broadcasting onto the surface. Determine the proper fertilizer application rate for the types of soil and vegetation encountered.
- Till a topsoil mix or composted organic material into the soil to create a well-mixed transition layer that encourages deeper root systems and drought-resistant plants.
- Use manual and/or mechanical methods to remove vegetation rather than applying herbicides, where practical and effective.

## Pesticide Use

### Required Operational BMPs for the Use of Pesticides

- Apply the pesticide according to label directions. Do not apply pesticides in quantities that exceed manufacturer's instructions.
- Mix the pesticides and clean the application equipment in an area where accidental spills will not enter surface or ground waters, and will not contaminate the soil.
- Store pesticides in enclosed areas or in covered impervious containment. Do not discharge pesticide contaminated stormwater or spills/leaks of pesticides to storm sewers. Do not hose down the paved areas to a storm sewer or conveyance ditch. Store and maintain appropriate spill cleanup materials in a location known to all near the storage area.
- Clean up any spilled pesticides. Keep pesticide contaminated waste materials in designated covered and contained areas.
- Pesticide application equipment must be capable of immediate shutoff in the event of an emergency.
- Do not spray pesticides into open waters including wetlands, ponds, streams, sloughs and any drainage ditch or channel that leads to open water, except when following approval of Ecology or Clark County. Flag all sensitive areas including wells, creeks, and wetlands prior to spraying.
- Post notices and delineate the spray area prior to the application, as required by Ecology.
- Conduct spray applications during weather conditions as specified in the label direction and applicable state regulations. Do not apply during windy conditions, rain, or immediately before expected rain.

### Recommended Additional Operational BMPs for the Use of Pesticides

- Develop and implement an IPM Plan that considers cultural, mechanical, biological, and chemical control methods (see section on IPM in Required Operational BMPs for Vegetation Management, below) and use pesticides in a manner that is safe and effective.

- Choose the least toxic pesticide available that is capable of reducing the infestation to acceptable levels. The pesticide should readily degrade in the environment and/or have properties that strongly bind it to the soil. Conduct any pest control activity at the life stage when the pest is most vulnerable. For example, if it is necessary to use a *Bacillus thuringiensis* application to control tent caterpillars, apply it to the material before the caterpillars cocoon or it will be ineffective. Any method used should be site-specific and not used wholesale over a wide area.
- Consider alternatives to the use of pesticides such as covering or harvesting weeds, substitute vegetative growth, and manual weed control/moss removal.
- Consider the use of soil amendments, such as compost, that are known to control some common diseases in plants, such as Pythium root rot, ashy stem blight, and parasitic nematodes. The following are three possible mechanisms for disease control by compost addition ([EPA Publication 530-F-97-044](#)):
  1. Successful competition for nutrients by antibiotic production;
  2. Successful predation against pathogens by beneficial microorganism; and
  3. Activation of disease-resistant genes in plants by composts.

*Installing an amended soil/landscape system can preserve both the plant system and the soil system more effectively. This type of approach provides a soil/landscape system with adequate depth, permeability, and organic matter to sustain itself and continue working as an effective stormwater infiltration system and a sustainable nutrient cycle.*

- Once a pesticide is applied, evaluate its effectiveness for possible improvement. Records should be kept showing the effectiveness of the pesticides considered.
- Use rinse water from equipment cleaning and/or triple-rinsing of pesticide containers as product or recycled into product.

*For more information, contact the Washington State University (WSU) Extension Home-Assist Program, (253) 445-4556, or the Bio-Integral Resource Center (BIRC), P.O. Box 7414, Berkeley, CA, 94707, or EPA to obtain a publication entitled "Suspended, Canceled, and Restricted Pesticides" which lists all restricted pesticides and the specific uses that are allowed.*

## Vegetation Management

### Recommended Operational BMPs for Vegetation Management

- Use at least an eight-inch "topsoil" layer with at least 8 percent organic matter to provide a sufficient vegetation-growing medium. Amending existing landscapes and turf systems by increasing the percent organic matter and depth of topsoil can substantially improve the permeability of the soil, the disease and drought resistance of the vegetation, and reduce

fertilizer demand. This reduces the demand for fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides. Organic matter is the least water-soluble form of nutrients that can be added to the soil. Composted organic matter generally releases only between 2 and 10 percent of its total nitrogen annually, and this release corresponds closely to the plant growth cycle. Return natural plant debris and mulch to the soil, to continue recycling nutrients indefinitely.

- Select the appropriate turfgrass mixture for the climate and soil type. Certain tall fescues and rye grasses resist insect attack because the symbiotic endophytic fungi found naturally in their tissues repel or kill common leaf and stem-eating lawn insects. However, they do not repel root-feeding lawn pests such as Crane Fly larvae, and are toxic to ruminants such as cattle and sheep. The fungus causes no known adverse effects to the host plant or to humans. Endophytic grasses are commercially available; use them in areas such as parks or golf courses where grazing does not occur. Local agricultural or gardening resources such as Washington State University (WSU) Extension office can offer advice on which types of grass are best suited to the area and soil type.
- Use the following seeding and planting BMPs as described in Book 2 of this manual, or equivalent BMPs, to obtain information on grass mixtures, temporary and permanent seeding procedures, maintenance of a recently planted area, and fertilizer application rates: [BMP C120](#) Temporary and Permanent Seeding, [BMP C121](#) Mulching, [BMP C123](#) Plastic Covering, and [BMP C124](#) Sodding.
- Adjusting the soil properties of the subject site can assist in selection of desired plant species. For example, design a constructed wetland to resist the invasion of reed canary grass by layering specific strata of organic matters (e.g., composted forest product residuals) and creating a mildly acidic pH and carbon-rich soil medium. Consult a soil restoration specialist for site-specific conditions.
- Aerate lawns regularly in areas of heavy use where the soil tends to become compacted. Conduct aeration while the grasses in the lawn are growing most vigorously. Remove layers of thatch greater than ¾-inch deep.
- Mowing is a stress-creating activity for turfgrass. Grass decreases its productivity when mown too short and there is less growth of roots and rhizomes. The turf becomes less tolerant of environmental stresses, more disease prone and more reliant on outside means such as pesticides, fertilizers, and irrigation to remain healthy. Set the mowing height at the highest acceptable level and mow at times and intervals designed to minimize stress on the turf. Generally mowing only 1/3 of the grass blade height will prevent stressing the turf.

## Irrigation

- The depth from which a plant normally extracts water depends on the rooting depth of the plant. Appropriately irrigated lawn grasses normally root in the top 6 to 12 inches of soil; lawns irrigated on a daily basis often root only in the top 1 inch of soil. Improper irrigation can encourage pest problems, leach nutrients, and make a lawn completely dependent on artificial watering. The amount of water applied depends on the normal rooting depth of the turfgrass species used, the available water holding capacity of the soil, and the efficiency of the irrigation



system. Consult with the local water utility, Conservation District, or Cooperative Extension office to help determine optimum irrigation practices.

### Fertilizer Management

- Turfgrass is most responsive to nitrogen fertilization, followed by potassium and phosphorus. Fertilization needs vary by site depending on plant, soil, and climatic conditions. Evaluation of soil nutrient levels through regular testing ensures the best possible efficiency and economy of fertilization. For details on soils testing, contact the local Conservation District, a soils testing professional, or a WSU Extension office.
- Apply fertilizers in amounts appropriate for the target vegetation and at the time of year that minimizes losses to surface and ground waters. Do not fertilize when the soil is dry. Do not apply fertilizers within three days prior to predicted rainfall. The longer the period between fertilizer application and either rainfall or irrigation, the less fertilizer runoff occurs.
- Use slow release fertilizers such as methylene urea, isobutylidene diurea (IBDU), or resin coated fertilizers when appropriate, generally in the spring. Use of slow release fertilizers is especially important in areas with sandy or gravelly soils.
- Time the fertilizer application to periods of maximum plant uptake.
- Properly trained persons should apply all fertilizers. Apply no fertilizer at commercial and industrial facilities, to grass swales, filter strips, or buffer areas that drain to sensitive water bodies unless approved by Clark County.

### Integrated Pest Management

IPM plans for both short-term pest control and long-term sustainable land management. An IPM program might consist of the following steps:

Step 1: Correctly identify problem pests and understand their life cycles.

IPM starts with an understanding of the soil, water, natural resources, and human impacts on site. Identify and research the pest species, including basic physiology and best timing for control. Many pests are a problem during certain seasons or can only be treated in specific phases of the life cycle. Resources for help identifying local pests include Clark County Weed Board, WSU Extension Master Gardeners, online tools from Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board, and online tools from Washington Invasive Species Council.

Step 2: Establish tolerance thresholds for pests.

Every landscape has a population of some pest insects, weeds, and diseases. Once the pest has been identified and studied, determine if low levels of the pest are tolerable. Small numbers of certain pests may not be harmful. If this is the case, simply continue to monitor the pest population.

In other cases, the pest may require control. Examples include a pest population that is rapidly increasing in numbers, or an invasive weed that requires control according to state law. Early detection, rapid response (EDRR) plays an important role in the control of pests that are known to be a severe problem in other regions but are not yet occurring in Clark County. In this instance, the tolerance threshold is zero; a quick response to eliminate a future ongoing pest problem is the safest and least expensive control.

Step 3: If pests exceed tolerance thresholds, choose a safe and effective control method.

IPM identifies physical, cultural, biological, and chemical control methods tailored specifically for the pest of concern and the site. Research the available options and choose a control method that is effective. Preferred control methods are economical, low risk to people, and mindful of environmental processes.

Physical control works on a pest directly: digging, hand-pulling, mowing, tilling, trapping, etc.

Cultural control changes the pest's environment: landscape fabric, mulch, soil amendments, altering the irrigation method or duration, crop rotation, crop covers, etc.

Biological control uses natural enemies: beneficial insects, managed grazing, bird boxes and perches, etc.

Chemical control is the use of pesticides: insect bait stations, synthetic and organic foliar herbicides, microbial-based insecticides, oils, soaps, etc.

These control methods should be looked at as tools in a toolbox; IPM selects the right tools for the job at hand. Both short-term control and long-term management is best achieved by using more than one tool. Often, implementing cultural control methods reduces the amount of physical and chemical control needed.

Step 4: Monitor and evaluate.

Observe and record the results of the control treatment. Evaluate the effectiveness. If necessary, modify maintenance practices to support a healthy landscape and prevent recurrence of the pest.

IPM emphasizes that pest control is a process that should be viewed as a cycle that rotates through planning, control, and evaluation. As pest issues change over time, the IPM plan adapts.

## S412 BMPs for Loading and Unloading Areas for Liquid or Solid Material and Solid Waste Storage Areas

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**Description of Pollutant Sources:** Operators typically conduct loading/unloading of liquid and solid materials at industrial and commercial facilities at shipping and receiving, outside storage areas where containers are collectively stored, fueling areas, etc. Materials transferred can include products, raw materials, intermediate products, waste materials, garbage and materials for recycling, fuels, scrap metals, etc. Storage containers can include compactors, dumpsters, and compost bins. (Note: storage of grease and cooking oil drums is covered in [S427](#).) Leaks and spills of fuels, oils, powders, organics, heavy metals, salts, acids, alkalis, etc. during storage or transfer may cause stormwater contamination. Spills from hydraulic line breaks are a common problem at loading docks.

**Pollutant Control Approach:** Cover and contain the loading/unloading and storage areas where necessary to prevent run-on of stormwater and runoff of contaminated stormwater.

### Required Operational BMPs

#### At All Loading/ Unloading Areas

- A significant amount of debris can accumulate at outside, uncovered loading/unloading areas. Sweep these surfaces frequently to remove loose material that could contaminate stormwater. Sweep areas temporarily covered after removal of the containers, logs, or other material covering the ground.
- Place drip pans, or other appropriate temporary containment device, at locations where leaks or spills may occur such as hose connections, hose reels and filler nozzles. Always use drip pans lined with absorbent materials when making and breaking connections (see Figure 2.5). Check loading/ unloading equipment such as valves, pumps, flanges, and connections regularly for leaks and repair as needed.

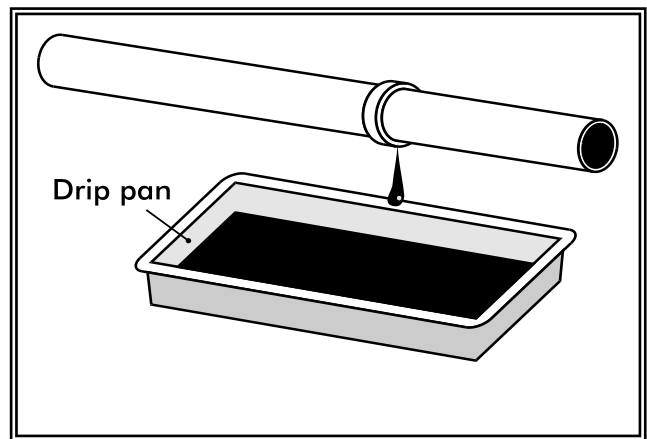


Figure 2.5: Drip Pan

#### At Tanker Truck and Rail Transfer Areas to Above/Below-ground Storage Tanks

- To minimize the risk of accidental spillage, prepare an "Operations Plan" that describes procedures for loading/unloading. Train the employees, especially fork lift operators, in its execution and post it or otherwise have it readily available to all employees.

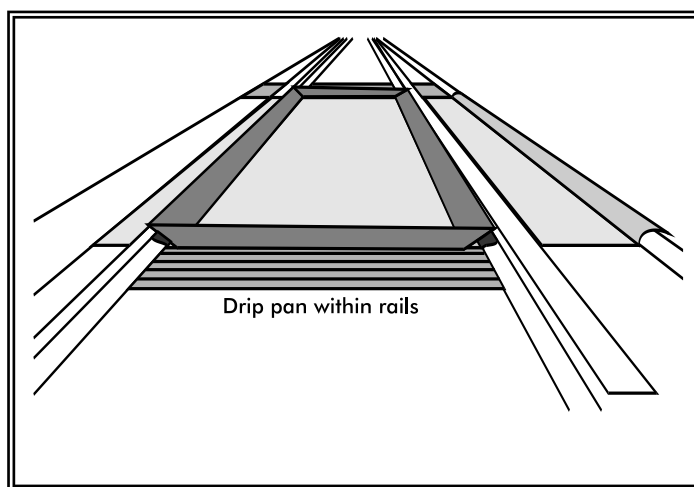
- Report spills of reportable quantities to Ecology.
- Prepare and implement an Emergency Spill Cleanup Plan for the facility (See [S426](#), BMPs for Spills of Oil and Hazardous Substances) which includes the following BMPs:
  - Ensure the cleanup of liquid/solid spills in the loading/unloading area immediately, if a significant spill occurs, and, upon completion of the loading/unloading activity, or, at the end of the working day.
  - Retain and maintain an appropriate oil spill cleanup kit on-site for rapid cleanup of material spills.
  - Ensure that an employee trained in spill containment and cleanup is present during loading/unloading.

### At Rail Transfer Areas to Above/below-ground Storage Tanks

- Install a drip pan system as illustrated within the rails to collect spills/leaks from tank cars and hose connections, hose reels, and filler nozzles.

### Loading/Unloading from/to Marine Vessels

Facilities and procedures for the loading or unloading of petroleum products must comply with Coast Guard requirements specified in the Related Regulations section of the [Introduction to the Manual](#), Coast Guard Requirements for Marine Transfer of Petroleum Products.



**Figure 2.6: Drip Pan within Rails**

### Transfer of Small Quantities from Tanks and Containers

Refer to [S428](#), BMPs Storage of Liquids in Permanent Above-Ground Tanks, and [S427](#), BMPs for Storage of Liquid, Food Waste, or Dangerous Waste Containers, for requirements on the transfer of small quantities from tanks and containers, respectively.

## Required Structural Source Control BMPs

### At All Loading/ Unloading Areas

- Consistent with Uniform Fire Code requirements (see the Related Regulations section of the [Introduction to the Manual](#), Uniform Fire Code Requirements) and to the extent practicable, conduct unloading or loading of solids and liquids in a manufacturing building, under a roof, or lean-to, or other appropriate cover.

- Berm, dike, and/or slope the loading/unloading area to prevent run-on of stormwater and to prevent the runoff or loss of any spilled material from the area.
- Place curbs along the edge of the shoreline, or slope the edge such that the stormwater can flow to an internal storm sewer system that leads to an approved treatment BMP. Avoid draining directly to the surface water from loading areas.
- Pave and slope loading/unloading areas to prevent the pooling of water. Minimize the use of catch basins and drain lines within the interior of the paved area or place catch basins in designated “alleyways” that are not covered by material, containers, or equipment.
- Retain on-site the necessary materials for rapid cleanup of spills.

### **At Solid Waste Storage Areas for Waste/Recycling Containers and Trash Compactors**

- Store containers and trash compactors in a designated area, which is covered, bermed or diked, paved and impervious in order to prevent rainfall and runoff from coming into contact with the waste materials. Slope the secondary containment to a drain into a dead-end sump for the collection of leaks and small spills. Direct drainage from the cover’s downspouts away from the solid waste storage area.

### **Recommended Structural Source Control BMP**

For the transfer of pollutant liquids in areas that cannot contain a catastrophic spill, install an automatic shutoff system in case of unanticipated off-loading interruption (e.g. coupling break, hose rupture, overfill, etc.).

### **At Loading and Unloading Docks**

- Install/maintain overhangs, or door skirts that enclose the trailer end (see Figures 2.7 and 2.8) to prevent contact with rainwater.
- Design the loading/unloading area with berms, sloping, etc. to prevent the run-on of stormwater.



**Figure 2.7: Loading Dock with Door Skirt**

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**Figure 2.8: Loading Dock with Overhang**

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## At Tanker Truck Transfer Areas to Above/Below-Ground Storage Tanks

- Pave the area on which the transfer takes place. If any transferred liquid, such as gasoline, is reactive with asphalt, pave the area with Portland cement concrete.
- Slope, berm, or dike the transfer area to a dead-end sump, spill containment sump, a spill control oil/water separator, or other spill control device. The minimum spill retention time should be 15 minutes at the greater flow rate of the highest fuel dispenser nozzle through-put

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rate, or the peak flow rate of the 6-month, 24-hour storm event over the surface of the containment pad, whichever is greater. The capacity of the spill containment sump should be a minimum of 50 gallons with adequate additional volume provided for grit sedimentation.





## S413 BMPs for Log Sorting and Handling

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**Description of Pollutant Sources:** Log yards are paved or unpaved areas where logs are transferred, sorted, debarked, cut, and stored to prepare them for shipment or for the production of dimensional lumber, plywood, chips, poles, or other products. Log yards are generally maintained at sawmills, shipping ports, and pulp mills. Typical pollutants include oil and grease, BOD, settleable solids, total suspended solids (including soil), high and low pH, heavy metals, pesticides, wood-based debris, and leachate.

The following are pollutant sources:

- Log storage, rollout, sorting, scaling, and cutting areas
- Log and liquid loading areas
- Log sprinkling
- Debarking, bark bin and conveyor areas
- Bark, ash, sawdust and wood debris piles, and solid wastes
- Metal salvage areas
- Truck, rail, ship, stacker, and loader access areas
- Log trucks, stackers, loaders, forklifts, and other heavy equipment
- Maintenance shops and parking areas
- Cleaning areas for vehicles, parts, and equipment
- Storage and handling areas for hydraulic oils, lubricants, fuels, paints, liquid wastes, and other liquid materials
- Pesticide usage for log preservation and surface protection
- Application of herbicides for weed control
- Contaminated soil resulting from leaks or spills of fluids

## Ecology's Baseline General Permit Requirements

Industries with log yards are required to obtain coverage under the Industrial Stormwater General Permit for discharges of stormwater associated with industrial activities. The permit requires preparation and on-site retention of an Industrial Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP).

Required and recommended operational, structural source control, and treatment BMPs are presented in detail in Ecology's Guidance Document: [\*Industrial Stormwater General Permit Implementation Manual for Log Yards\*](#), Publication # 04-10-031. Ecology recommends that all log yard facilities obtain a copy of this document.

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## S414 BMPs for Maintenance and Repair of Vehicles and Equipment

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**Description of Pollutant Sources:** Pollutant sources include parts/vehicle cleaning, spills/leaks of fuel and other liquids, replacement of liquids, outdoor storage of batteries/liquids/parts, and vehicle parking.

**Pollutant Control Approach:** Control of leaks and spills of fluids using good housekeeping and cover and containment BMPs.

### Required Operational BMPs

- Inspect all incoming vehicles, parts, and equipment stored temporarily outside for leaks.
- Use drip pans or containers under parts or vehicles that drip or that are likely to drip liquids, such as during dismantling of liquid containing parts or removal or transfer of liquids.
- Remove batteries and liquids from vehicles and equipment in designated areas designed to prevent stormwater contamination. Store cracked batteries in a covered non-leaking secondary containment system.
- Remove liquids from vehicles retired for scrap.
- Empty oil and fuel filters before disposal. Provide for proper disposal of waste oil and fuel.
- Do not pour/convey washwater, liquid waste, or other pollutants into storm drains or to surface water. Check with the local sanitary sewer authority for approval to convey water to a sanitary sewer.
- Do not connect maintenance and repair shop floor drains to storm drains or to surface water.
- To allow for snowmelt during the winter, install a drainage trench with a sump for particulate collection. Use the drainage trench for draining the snowmelt only and not for discharging any vehicular or shop pollutants.

### Required Structural Source Control BMPs

- Conduct all maintenance and repair of vehicles and equipment in a building, or other covered impervious containment area that is sloped to prevent run-on of uncontaminated stormwater and runoff of contaminated water.
- Operators may conduct maintenance of refrigeration engines in refrigerated trailers in the parking area. Exercise due caution to avoid the release of engine or refrigeration fluids to storm drains or surface water.
- Park large mobile equipment, such as log stackers, in a designated contained area.

### Additional Required BMPs

- [S409](#) BMPs for Fueling at Dedicated Stations

- [S410](#) BMPs for Illicit Connections to Storm Drains
- [S412](#) BMPs for Loading and Unloading Areas for Liquid or Solid Material and Solid Waste Storage Areas
- [S426](#) BMPs for Spills of Oil and Hazardous Substances
- [S427](#) BMPs Storage of Liquid, Food Waste, or Dangerous Waste Containers
- [S428](#) BMPs for Storage of Liquids in Permanent Aboveground Tanks
- [S429](#) BMPs for Storage or Transfer (Outside) of Solid Raw Materials, Byproducts, or Finished Products
- [S431](#) BMPs for Washing and Steam Cleaning Vehicle/Equipment/Building Structures

## Required Treatment BMPs

*Note this required treatment BMP for contaminated stormwater.*

- Convey contaminated stormwater runoff from vehicle staging and maintenance areas to a sanitary sewer, if allowed by the local sewer authority, or to an API or CP oil and water separator followed by a basic treatment BMP (See [Book 1, Sections 3.2.3.1](#) and [3.2.3.6](#)), applicable filter, or other equivalent oil treatment system.

## Recommended Additional Operational BMPs

- Store damaged vehicles inside a building or other covered containment, until successfully removing all liquids.
- Clean parts with aqueous detergent based solutions or non-chlorinated solvents such as kerosene or high flash mineral spirits, and/or use wire brushing or sand blasting whenever practicable. Avoid using toxic liquid cleaners such as methylene chloride, 1,1,1-trichloroethane, trichloroethylene or similar chlorinated solvents. Choose cleaning agents that can be recycled.
- Inspect all BMPs regularly, particularly after a significant storm. Identify and correct deficiencies to ensure that the BMPs are functioning as intended.
- Avoid hosing down work areas. Use dry methods for cleaning leaked fluids.
- Recycle greases, used oil, oil filters, antifreeze, cleaning solutions, automotive batteries, hydraulic fluids, transmission fluids, and engine oils (see [Appendix 3-C](#)).
- Do not mix dissimilar or incompatible waste liquids stored for recycling.

## S415 BMPs for Maintenance of Public and Private Utility Corridors and Facilities

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**Description of Pollutant Sources:** Passageways and equipment at petroleum product, natural gas, and water pipelines, and electrical power transmission corridors and rights-of-way can be sources of pollutants such as herbicides used for vegetation management, and eroded soil particles from unpaved access roads. At pump stations, waste materials generated during maintenance activities may be temporarily stored outside. Additional potential pollutant sources include the leaching of preservatives from wood utility poles, polychlorinated biphenyl (PCBs) in older transformers, water removed from underground transformer vaults, and leaks/spills from petroleum pipelines. The following are potential pollutants: oil and grease, TSS, BOD, organics, PCBs, pesticides, and heavy metals.

**Pollutant Control Approach:** Control of fertilizer and pesticide applications, soil erosion, and site debris that can contaminate stormwater.

### Required Operational BMPs

- Implement BMPs for Landscaping and Lawn/Vegetation Management and Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) Pesticide Regulations described in the Related Regulations section of the [Introduction to the Manual](#).
- When removing water or sediments from electric transformer vaults, determine the presence of contaminants before disposing of the water and sediments. This includes inspecting for the presence of oil or sheen, and determining from records or testing if the transformers contain PCBs. If records or tests indicate that the sediments or water are contaminated above applicable levels, manage these media in accordance with applicable federal and state regulations, including the federal PCB rules ([40 CFR 761](#)) and the state Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) cleanup regulations ([Chapter 173-340 WAC](#)). Water removed from the vaults can be discharged in accordance with the federal [40 CFR 761.79](#), and state regulations ([Chapter 173-201A WAC](#) and [Chapter 173-200 WAC](#)), or via the sanitary sewer if the requirements, including applicable permits, for such a discharge are met. (See the sub-sections on Stormwater Discharges to Public Sanitary Sewers, Septic Systems, Dead-End Sumps, and Industrial Waste Treatment Systems; and Ecology Requirements for Generators of Dangerous Wastes in the Related State and Federal Regulations section of the [Introduction to the Manual](#).)
- Within utility corridors, prepare maintenance procedures to minimize the erosion of soil. An implementation schedule may provide for a vegetative, gravel, or equivalent cover that minimizes bare or thinly vegetated ground surfaces within the corridor.
- Provide maintenance practices to prevent stormwater from accumulating and draining across and/or onto roadways. Convey stormwater through roadside ditches and culverts. The road should be crowned, outslopped, water barred, or otherwise left in a condition not conducive to erosion. Appropriately maintaining grassy roadside ditches discharging to surface waters is an effective way of removing some pollutants associated with sediments carried by stormwater.

- Maintain ditches and culverts at an appropriate frequency to ensure that plugging and flooding across the roadbed, with resulting overflow erosion, does not occur.
- Apply the appropriate BMPs in this Book for the storage of waste materials that can contaminate stormwater.

## Recommended Operational BMPs

- When selecting utility poles for a specific location, consider the potential environmental effects of the pole or poles during storage, handling, and end-use, as well as its cost, safety, efficacy, and expected life. Use wood products treated with chemical preservatives made in accordance with generally accepted industry standards such as the American Wood Preservers Association Standards. Consider alternative materials or technologies if placing poles in or near an environmentally sensitive area, such as a wetland or a drinking water well. Alternative technologies include poles constructed with material(s) other than wood such as fiberglass composites, metal, or concrete. Consider other technologies and materials, such as sleeves or caissons for wood poles, when they are determined to be practicable and available.
- As soon as practicable remove all litter from wire cutting/replacing operations.
- Implement temporary erosion and sediment control in areas cleared of trees and vegetation and during the construction of new roads.

## S416 BMPs for Maintenance of Roadside Ditches

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**Description of Pollutant Sources:** Common road debris including eroded soil, oils, vegetative particles, and heavy metals can be sources of stormwater pollutants.

**Pollutant Control Approach:** Maintain roadside ditches to preserve the condition and capacity for which they were originally constructed, and to minimize bare or thinly vegetated ground surfaces. Maintenance practices should provide for erosion and sediment control (Refer to [S411](#), BMPs for Landscaping and Lawn / Vegetation Management).

### Required Operational BMPs

- Inspect roadside ditches regularly to identify sediment accumulations and localized erosion.
- Clean ditches on a regular basis, as needed. Keep ditches free of rubbish and debris.
- Vegetation in ditches often prevents erosion and cleanses runoff waters. Remove vegetation only when flow is blocked or excess sediments have accumulated. Conduct ditch maintenance (seeding, fertilizer application, harvesting) in late spring and/or early fall, where possible. This allows re-establishment of vegetative cover by the next wet season thereby minimizing erosion of the ditch as well as making the ditch effective as a biofilter.
- The area between the edge of the pavement and the bottom of the ditch is commonly known as the “bare earth zone.” Establish grass vegetation from the top of the slope of the ditch next to the bare earth zone.
- Maintain diversion ditches on top of cut slopes constructed to prevent slope erosion by intercepting surface drainage to retain their diversion shape and capability.
- Do not leave ditch cleanings on the roadway surfaces. Sweep, collect, and dispose of dirt and debris remaining on the pavement at the completion of ditch cleaning operations.
- Consider screening roadside ditch cleanings, not contaminated by spills or other releases and not associated with a stormwater treatment system such as a bioswale, to remove litter. Separate screenings into soil and vegetative matter (leaves, grass, needles, branches, etc.) categories. Compost or dispose of the vegetative matter in a municipal waste landfill. Consult with Clark County Public Health to discuss use or disposal options for the soil portion. For more information, please see [Appendix 3-E](#).
- Roadside ditch cleanings contaminated by spills or other releases known or suspected to contain dangerous waste must be handled following the Dangerous Waste Regulations ([Chapter 173-303 WAC](#)). If testing determines materials are not dangerous waste but contaminants are present, consult with Clark County Public Health for disposal options.
- Examine culverts on a regular basis for scour or sedimentation at the inlet and outlet, and repair as necessary. Give priority to those culverts conveying perennial and/or salmon-bearing streams and culverts near streams in areas of high sediment load, such as those near subdivisions during construction.

## Recommended Treatment BMPs

- Install biofiltration swales and filter strips to treat roadside runoff wherever practicable and use engineered topsoils wherever necessary to maintain adequate vegetation. These systems can improve infiltration and stormwater pollutant control upstream of roadside ditches.

*See [Book 2, Chapter 4](#) for design criteria for biofiltration swales ([BMP T9.10](#) and [BMP T9.20](#)) and filter strips ([BMP T9.40](#) and [BMP T7.40](#)).*



## S417 BMPs for Maintenance of Stormwater Drainage and Treatment Systems

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**Description of Pollutant Sources:** Facilities include roadside catch basins on arterials and within residential areas, conveyance systems, detention facilities such as ponds and vaults, oil/water separators, biofilters, settling basins, infiltration systems, and all other types of stormwater treatment systems. Oil and grease, hydrocarbons, debris, heavy metals, sediments, and contaminated water are found in catch basins, oil and water separators, settling basins, etc.

**Pollutant Control Approach:** Provide maintenance and cleaning of debris, sediments, and oil from stormwater collection, conveyance, and treatment systems to obtain proper operation. Reference [Book 4](#) of this manual for operations and maintenance considerations and minimum maintenance performance measures.

### Required Operational BMPs

Maintain stormwater treatment facilities per the operations and maintenance (O&M) procedures presented in [Book 4](#) in addition to the following BMPs:

- Inspect and clean treatment BMPs, conveyance systems, and catch basins as needed, and determine necessary O&M improvements.
  - Promptly repair any deterioration threatening the structural integrity of stormwater facilities. These include replacement of clean-out gates, catch basin lids, and rock in emergency spillways.
  - Ensure adequacy of storm sewer capacities and prevent heavy sediment discharges to the sewer system.
  - Regularly remove debris and sludge from BMPs used for peak-rate control, treatment, etc. and discharge to a sanitary sewer if approved by the sewer authority, or truck to an appropriate local or state government approved disposal site.
  - Clean catch basins when the depth of deposits reaches 60 percent of the sump depth as measured from the bottom of basin to the invert of the lowest pipe into or out of the basin. However, in no case should there be less than six inches clearance from the debris surface to the invert of the lowest pipe. Some catch basins (for example, WSDOT Type 1L basins) may have as little as 12 inches sediment storage below the invert. These catch basins need frequent inspection and cleaning to prevent scouring. Where these catch basins are part of a stormwater collection and treatment system, the system owner/operator may choose to concentrate maintenance efforts on downstream control devices as part of a systems approach.
  - Clean woody debris in a catch basin as frequently as needed to ensure proper operation of the catchbasin.
  - Post warning signs; “Dump No Waste - Drains to Ground Water,” “Streams,” “Lakes,” or emboss on or adjacent to all storm drain inlets *where possible*.
  - Disposal of sediments and liquids from the catch basins must comply with [Appendix 3-E](#).
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## Additional Required BMPs

Select additional required BMPs from this chapter depending on the pollutant sources and activities conducted at the facility. Those BMPs include:

- [S425](#) BMPs for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control at Industrial Sites
- [S427](#) BMPs for Storage of Liquid, Food Waste, or Dangerous Waste Containers
- [S426](#) BMPs for Spills of Oil and Hazardous Substances
- [S410](#) BMPs for Illicit Connections to Storm Drains
- [S430](#) BMPs for Urban Streets

## S418 BMPs for Manufacturing Activities - Outside

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**Description of Pollutant Sources:** Manufacturing pollutant sources include outside process areas, stack emissions, and areas where manufacturing activity has taken place in the past and significant exposed pollutant materials remain.

**Pollution Control Approach:** Cover and contain outside manufacturing and prevent stormwater run-on and contamination, where feasible.

### Required Operational BMPs

- Sweep paved areas regularly, as needed, to prevent contamination of stormwater.
- Alter the activity by eliminating or minimizing the contamination of stormwater.

### Required Structural Source Control BMPs

- Enclose the activity (see Figure 2.9): If possible, enclose the manufacturing activity in a building.
- Cover the activity and connect floor drains to a sanitary sewer, if approved by the local sewer authority. Berm or slope the floor as needed to prevent drainage of pollutants to outside areas (Figure 2.10).
- Isolate and segregate pollutants as feasible. Convey the segregated pollutants to a sanitary sewer, process treatment, or a dead-end sump depending on available methods and applicable permit requirements.

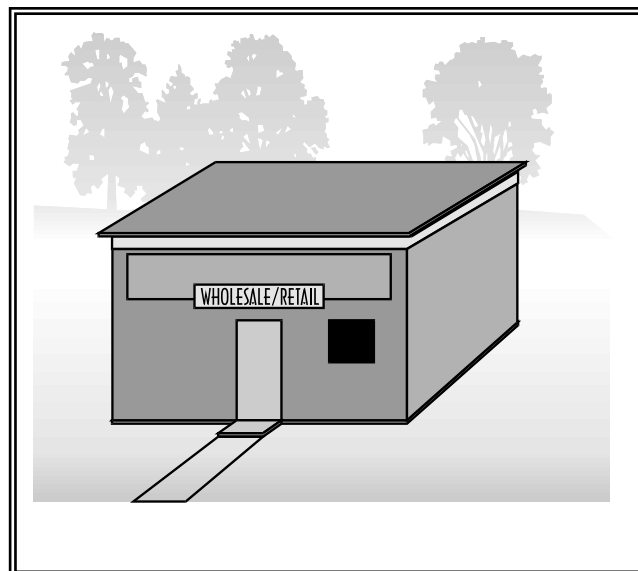
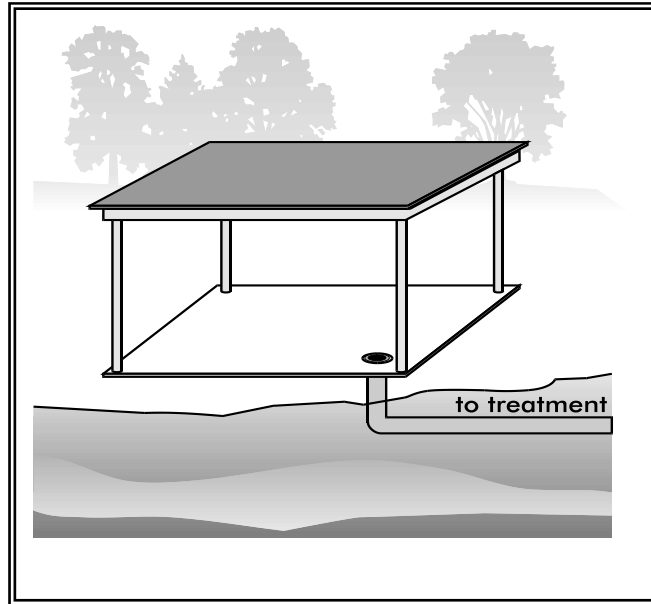


Figure 2.9: Enclose the Activity



**Figure 2.10: Cover the Activity**

## S419 BMPs for Mobile Fueling of Vehicles and Heavy Equipment

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**Description of Pollutant Sources:** Mobile fueling, also known as fleet fueling, wet fueling, or wet hosing, is the practice of filling fuel tanks of vehicles by tank trucks that are driven to the yards or sites where the vehicles to be fueled are located. Regulators categorize diesel fuel as a Class II Combustible Liquid, whereas they categorize gasoline as a Flammable Liquid.

Historically organizations conducted mobile fueling for off-road vehicles operated for extended periods in remote areas. This includes construction sites, logging operations, and farms. Some organizations conduct mobile fueling of on-road vehicles commercially in the State of Washington.

*Note that some local fire departments may have restrictions on mobile fueling practices.*

**Pollutant Control Approach:** Operators typically need proper training of the fueling operators, and the use of spill/drip control and reliable fuel transfer equipment with backup shutoff valving.

### Required Operational BMPs

Organizations and individuals conducting mobile fueling operations must implement the bulleted BMPs below. The operating procedures for the driver/operator should be simple, clear, effective, and they should be verified by the organization liable for environmental and third party damage.

- Ensure that the local fire department approves all mobile fueling operations. Comply with local and Washington State fire codes.
- In fueling locations that are in close proximity to sensitive aquifers, designated wetlands, wetland buffers, or other waters of the State, approval by Clark County is necessary to ensure compliance with additional local requirements.
- Ensure compliance with all [Title 49 CFR 178](#) requirements for DOT 406 cargo tanker. Documentation from a Department of Transportation (DOT) Registered Inspector provides proof of compliance.
- Ensure the presence and the constant observation/monitoring of the driver/operator at the fuel transfer location at all times during fuel transfer and ensure implementation of the following procedures at the fuel transfer locations:
  - Locate the point of fueling at least 25 feet from the nearest storm sewer or inside an impervious containment with a volumetric holding capacity equal to or greater than 110 percent of the fueling tank volume, or cover the storm sewer to ensure no inflow of spilled or leaked fuel. Covers are not required for storm sewers that convey the inflow to a spill control separator approved by Clark County. Potential spill/leak conveyance surfaces must be impervious and in good repair.
  - Place a liquid tight drip pan or an absorbent pad under each fueling location prior to and during all dispensing operations. The pan or the absorbent pad must have a capacity of at least 5 gallons. There is no need to report spills retained in the drip pan or the pad.

- Manage the handling and operation of fuel transfer hoses and nozzle, drip pan(s), and absorbent pads as needed to prevent spills/leaks of fuel from reaching the ground, storm sewer, and receiving waters.
- Avoid extending the fueling hoses across a traffic lane without fluorescent traffic cones, or equivalent devices, conspicuously placed to block all traffic from crossing the fuel hose.
- Remove the fill nozzle and cease filling the tank when the automatic shut-off valve engages. Do not lock automatic shutoff fueling nozzles in the open position.
- Do not “top off” the fuel receiving equipment.
- Provide the driver/operator of the fueling vehicle with:
  - Adequate flashlights or other mobile lighting to view fuel fill openings with poor accessibility. Consult with local fire department for additional lighting requirements.
  - Two-way communication with his/her home base.
- Train the driver/operator annually in spill prevention and cleanup measures and emergency procedures. Make all employees aware of the significant liability associated with fuel spills.
- The responsible manager shall properly sign and date the fueling operating procedures, distribute procedures to the operators, retain them in the organization files, and make them available in the event an authorized government agency requests a review.
- Immediately notify the local fire department (911) and the appropriate regional office of the Department of Ecology in the event of any spill entering surface or ground waters. Establish a “call down list” to ensure the rapid and proper notification of management and government officials should any significant amount of product be lost off-site. Keep the list in a protected but readily accessible location in the mobile fueling truck. The “call down list” should also pre-identify spill response contractors available in the area to ensure the rapid removal of significant product spillage into the environment.
- Maintain a minimum of the following spill clean-up materials in all fueling vehicles, that are readily available for use:
  - Non-water absorbents capable of absorbing at least 15 gallons of diesel fuel.
  - A storm drain plug or cover kit.
  - A non-water absorbent containment boom of a minimum 10 feet in length with a 12-gallon minimum absorbent capacity.
  - A non-spark generating shovel (a steel shovel could generate a spark and cause an explosion in the right environment around a spill).
  - Two five-gallon buckets with lids.
- Use automatic shutoff nozzles for dispensing the fuel. Replace automatic shut-off nozzles as recommended by the manufacturer.

- Maintain and replace equipment on fueling vehicles, particularly hoses and nozzles, at established intervals to prevent failures.

## **Required Structural Source Control BMPs**

Include the following fuel transfer site components:

- Automatic fuel transfer shut-off nozzles.
- An adequate lighting system at the filling point.





## S420 BMPs for Painting / Finishing / Coating of Vehicles / Boats / Buildings / Equipment

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**Description of Pollutant Sources:** Surface preparation and the application of paints, finishes, and/or coatings to vehicles, boats, buildings, and/or equipment outdoors can be sources of pollutants. Potential pollutants include organic compounds, oils and greases, heavy metals, and suspended solids.

**Pollutant Control Approach:** Cover and contain painting and sanding operations and apply good housekeeping and preventive maintenance practices to prevent the contamination of stormwater with painting over sprays and grit from sanding.

### Required Operational BMPs

- Train employees in the careful application of paints, finishes, and coatings to reduce misuse and over spray. Use drop cloths underneath outdoor painting, scraping, sandblasting work, and properly clean and temporarily store collected debris daily.
- Do not conduct spraying, blasting, or sanding activities over open water or where wind may blow paint into water.
- Wipe up spills with rags and other absorbent materials immediately. Do not hose down the area to a storm sewer, receiving water, or conveyance ditch.
- On marine dock areas sweep rather than hose down debris. Collect any hose water generated and convey to appropriate treatment and disposal.
- Use an effective runoff control device if dust, grit, washwater, or other pollutants may escape the work area and enter a catch basin. The containment device(s) must be in place at the beginning of the workday. Collect contaminated runoff and solids and properly dispose of such wastes before removing the containment device(s) at the end of the workday.
- Use a ground cloth, pail, drum, drip pan, tarpaulin, or other protective device for activities such as outdoor paint mixing and tool cleaning, or where spills can contaminate stormwater.
- Properly dispose of all wastes and prevent all uncontrolled releases to the air, ground, or water.
- Clean brushes and tools covered with non-water-based paints, finishes, or other materials in a manner that allows collection of used solvents (e.g., paint thinner, turpentine, xylol, etc.) for recycling or proper disposal.
- Store toxic materials under cover (tarp, etc.) during precipitation events and when not in use to prevent contact with stormwater.

### Required Structural Source Control BMPs

- Enclose and/or contain all work while using a spray gun or conducting sand blasting and in compliance with applicable air pollution control, Occupational Safety and Health Administration

(OSHA), and Washington Industrial Safety and Health Act (WISHA) requirements. Do not conduct outside spraying, grit blasting, or sanding activities during windy conditions that render containment ineffective.

## Recommended Additional Operational BMPs

- Clean paintbrushes and tools covered with water-based paints in sinks connected to sanitary sewers. Dump pollutants collected in portable containers into a sanitary sewer drain, NOT a stormwater drain.
- Recycle paint, paint thinner, solvents, pressure washwater, and any other recyclable materials.
- Use efficient spray equipment such as electrostatic, air-atomized, high volume/low pressure, or gravity feed spray equipment.
- Purchase recycled paints, paint thinner, solvents, and other products, if feasible.

## S42I BMPs for Parking and Storage of Vehicles and Equipment

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**Description of Pollutant Sources:** Public and commercial parking lots such as retail store, fleet vehicle (including rent-a-car lots and car dealerships), equipment sale and rental parking lots, and parking lot driveways, can be sources of toxic hydrocarbons and other organic compounds, including oils and greases, metals, and suspended solids.

**Pollutant Control Approach:** If the parking lot is a *high-use site* as defined below, provide appropriate oil removal equipment for the contaminated stormwater runoff.

For washing and cleaning vehicles and equipment, see [S431](#), BMPs for Washing and Steam Cleaning Vehicles / Equipment / Building Structures.

### Required Operational BMPs

- If washing a parking lot, discharge the washwater to a sanitary sewer, if allowed by the local sewer authority, or other approved wastewater treatment system, or collect washwater for off-site disposal.
- Do not hose down the area to a storm sewer or receiving water. Vacuum sweep parking lots, storage areas, and driveways regularly to collect dirt, waste, and debris.

### Required Treatment BMPs

- An oil removal system such as an API or CP oil and water separator, catch basin filter, or equivalent BMP approved by Clark County is necessary for parking lots meeting the threshold vehicle traffic intensity level of a high-use site.

### Vehicle High-Use Sites

Establishments subject to vehicle high-use intensity are significant sources of oil contamination of stormwater. Examples of potential high use areas include customer parking lots at fast food stores, grocery stores, taverns, restaurants, large shopping malls, discount warehouse stores, quick-lube shops, and banks. If the pollution-generating impervious surface (PGIS) for a high-use site exceeds 5,000 square feet in a threshold discharge area, an oil control BMP from the Oil Control Menu (see [Book 1, Section 3.2.3.1](#)) is necessary. A high-use site at a commercial or industrial establishment has one of the following characteristics: (Gaus/King County, 1994)

- Is subject to an expected average daily vehicle traffic (ADT) count equal to or greater than 100 vehicles per 1,000 square feet of gross building area; or
- Is subject to storage of a fleet of 25 or more diesel vehicles that are over 10 tons gross weight (trucks, buses, trains, heavy equipment, etc.).



## S422 BMPs for Railroad Yards

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**Description of Pollutant Sources:** Pollutant sources can include:

- Drips/leaks of vehicle fluids onto the railroad bed
- Human waste disposal
- Litter
- Locomotive/railcar/equipment cleaning areas
- Fueling areas
- Outside material storage areas
- Erosion and loss of soil particles from the railroad bed
- Maintenance and repair activities at railroad terminals
- Switching and maintenance yards
- Herbicides used for vegetation management.

Waste materials can include waste oil, solvents, degreasers, antifreeze solutions, radiator flush, acids, brake fluids, soiled rags, oil filters, sulfuric acid and battery sludges, and machine chips with residual machining oil and toxic fluids/solids lost during transit. Potential pollutants include oil and grease, TSS, BOD, organics, pesticides, and metals.

**Pollutant Control Approach:** Apply good housekeeping and preventive maintenance practices to control leaks and spills of liquids in railroad yard areas.

### Required Operational and Structural Source Control BMPs

- Implement the required BMPs in this chapter depending on the pollutant generating activities/sources at a railroad yard facility.
- Do not allow discharge to outside areas from toilets while a train is in transit. Use pumpout facilities to service these units.
- Use drip pans at hose/pipe connections during liquid transfer and other leak-prone areas.
- During maintenance, do not discard debris or waste liquids along the tracks or in railroad yards.
- Place oil absorbent mats beneath engines when they are parked outdoors.

### Required Treatment BMPs

- In areas subjected to leaks/spills of oils or other chemicals, convey stormwater to appropriate treatment such as a sanitary sewer, if approved by the appropriate sewer authority, or, to a CP or API oil/water separator for floating oils, or other treatment, as approved by Clark County.

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## S423 BMPs for Recyclers and Scrap Yards

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**Description of Pollutant Sources:** Includes businesses that reclaim various materials for resale or for scrap, such as vehicles and vehicle/ equipment parts, construction materials, metals, beverage containers, and papers.

Potential sources of pollutants include paper, plastic, metal scrap debris, engines, transmissions, radiators, batteries, and other materials contaminated or that contain fluids. Other pollutant sources include leachate from metal components, contaminated soil, and the erosion of soil. Activities that can generate pollutants include the transfer, dismantling, and crushing of vehicles and scrap metal; the transfer and removal of fluids; maintenance and cleaning of vehicles, parts, and equipment; and storage of fluids, parts for resale, solid wastes, scrap parts, and materials, equipment and vehicles that contain fluids; generally in uncovered areas.

Potential pollutants typically found at vehicle recycle and scrap yards include oil and grease, ethylene and propylene glycol, PCBs, total suspended solids, BOD, heavy metals, and acidic pH.

### Required BMPs

For facilities subject to Ecology's Industrial Stormwater General Permit refer to BMP Guidance Document #94-146, *Vehicle Recyclers: A Guide for Implementing the Industrial Stormwater General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Requirements*. Apply the BMPs in that guidance document to scrap material recycling facilities depending on the pollutant sources existing at those facilities.





## S424 BMPs for Roof / Building Drains at Manufacturing and Commercial Buildings

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**Description of Pollutant Sources:** Stormwater runoff from roofs and sides of manufacturing and commercial buildings can be sources of pollutants caused by leaching of roofing materials, building vents, and other air emission sources. Research has identified vapors and entrained liquid and solid droplets/particles as potential pollutants in roof/building runoff. Metals, solvents, acidic/alkaline pH, BOD, [PCBs](#), and organics are some of the pollutant constituents identified.

[Between 1950 and 1980, PCBs were added to a range of building materials used on the exterior of industrial, commercial, government, and larger residential buildings to increase the material's longevity. Without proper precautions, PCBs from paint, caulk and other joint materials, sealants, roofing, and other items can be released into the environment and enter stormwater conveyances during building washing activities. Recent guidance for characterizing and abating PCBs in building materials recommends against washing PCB-containing materials on a building's exterior, and provides more detailed guidance on specific stormwater BMPs to apply when PCB-containing materials are or are assumed to be present \(Ecology, 2024\).](#)

Ecology has performed a study on zinc in industrial stormwater. The study is presented in Ecology Publication 08-10-025, [Suggested Practices to reduce Zinc Concentrations in Industrial Stormwater Discharges](#). The user should refer to this document for more details on addressing zinc in stormwater.

[Ecology has also researched the characterization and abatement of PCBs in building materials before demolition or renovation \(How to Find and Address PCBs in Building Materials \(Ecology Publication 22-04-024\)\). The user should refer to that guidance document for more details on preventing PCBs from entering stormwater from buildings that have, or likely have, PCB-containing materials on roofs and building exteriors like siding, joint materials \(caulk\), paint, and other potential sources.](#)

**Pollutant Control Approach:** Evaluate the potential sources of stormwater pollutants and apply source control BMPs where feasible.

### Required Operational Source Control BMPs

- If leachates and/or emissions from buildings are suspected sources of stormwater pollutants, then sample and analyze the stormwater draining from the building.
- [If PCBs in external building materials are suspected, assess the building materials and report finding consistent with the guidance in How to Find and Address PCBs in Building Materials \(Ecology Publication 22-04-024\).](#)
- Sweep the area routinely to remove any zinc residuals.
- If a roof/building stormwater pollutant source is identified, implement appropriate source control measures such as air pollution control equipment, selection of materials, operational changes, material recycle, process changes, [removal/abatement](#), etc.

## Required Structural Source Control BMPs

- Paint/coat the galvanized surfaces as described in [Ecology Publication # 08-10-025](#).

## Required Treatment BMPs

- Treat runoff from roofs to the appropriate level. The facility may use [enhanced metals](#) treatment BMPs as described in Book 1. Some facilities regulated by the Industrial Stormwater General Permit or Clark County may have requirements that cannot be achieved with [enhanced metals](#) treatment BMPs. In these cases, additional treatment measures may be required. A treatment method for meeting stringent requirements such as Chitosan-Enhanced Sand Filtration may be appropriate.

## Recommended Additional Operational BMP

- Direct drainage from downspouts away from areas where it could pick up additional pollutants prior to discharging to a stormwater facility.

## S425 BMPs for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control at Industrial Sites

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**Description of Pollutant Sources:** Industrial activities on soil areas; exposed and disturbed soils; steep grading; etc. can be sources of sediments that can contaminate stormwater runoff.

**Pollutant Control Approach:** Limit the exposure of erodible soil, stabilize, or cover erodible soil where necessary to prevent erosion, and/or provide treatment for stormwater contaminated with TSS caused by eroded soil.

### Required BMPs

Cover Practice Options:

- Vegetative cover such as grass, trees, shrubs, on erodible soil areas.
- Covering with mats such as clear plastic, jute, synthetic fiber.
- Preservation of natural vegetation including grass, trees, shrubs, and vines.

Structural Practice Options:

- Vegetated swale
- Dike
- Silt fence
- Check dam
- Gravel filter berm
- Sedimentation basin
- Proper grading

*For design criteria for sediment and erosion control BMPs, refer to [Book 2, Chapter 9](#).*



## *Chapter 2 – Selection of Operational and Structural Source Control BMPs*

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## S426 BMPs for Spills of Oil and Hazardous Substances

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**Description of Pollutant Sources:** Federal law requires owners or operators of facilities engaged in drilling, producing, gathering, storing, processing, transferring, distributing, refining, or consuming oil and/or oil products to have a Spill Prevention and Emergency Cleanup Plan (SPECP). The SPECP is required if the above ground storage capacity of the facility is 1,320 gallons or more of oil. Additionally, the SPECP is required if any single container with a capacity in excess of 660 gallons and which, due to their location, could reasonably be expected to discharge oil in harmful quantities, as defined in [40 CFR](#) Part 110, into or upon the navigable waters of the United States or adjoining shorelines in [40 CFR](#) 112.1 (b). Onshore and offshore facilities, which, due to their location, could not reasonably be expected to discharge oil into or upon the navigable waters of the United States or adjoining shorelines are exempt from these regulations ([40 CFR](#) 112.1(1)(i)). State Law requires owners of businesses that produce dangerous wastes to have a SPECP. These businesses should refer to Washington State/Federal Emergency Spill Cleanup Requirements described in the Related State and Federal Regulations section of the Introduction to the Manual. The federal definition of oil is oil of any kind or any form, including, but not limited to petroleum, fuel oil, sludge, oil refuse, and oil mixed with wastes other than dredged spoil.

**Pollutant Control Approach:** Maintain, update, and implement a SPECP.

### Required Operational BMPs

The businesses and public agencies identified in [Appendix 3-A](#) are required to prepare and implement a SPECP shall implement the following:

- Prepare a SPECP that includes:
  - A description of the facility including the owner's name and address.
  - The nature of the activity at the facility.
  - The general types of chemicals used or stored at the facility.
  - A site plan showing the location of storage areas for chemicals, the locations of storm drains, the areas draining to them, and the location and description of any devices to stop spills from leaving the site such as positive control valves.
  - Cleanup procedures.
  - Notification procedures used in the event of a spill, such as notifying key personnel. Agencies such as Ecology, local fire department, Washington State Patrol, and the local sewer authority, shall be notified.



**Figure 2.11: Spill Kit**

(Source: Brady Worldwide)

- The name of the designated person with overall spill cleanup and notification responsibility.
- Train key personnel in the implementation of the SPECP. Prepare a summary of the plan and post it at appropriate points in the building, identifying the spill cleanup coordinators, location of cleanup kits, and phone numbers of regulatory agencies to contact in the event of a spill.
- Update the SPECP regularly.
- Immediately notify Ecology, Clark County, and the local sewer authority if a spill may reach sanitary or storm sewers, ground water, or surface water, in accordance with federal and Ecology spill reporting requirements.
- Immediately clean up spills. Do not use emulsifiers for cleanup unless there is an appropriate disposal method for the resulting oily wastewater. Do not wash absorbent material down a floor drain or into a storm sewer.
- Locate emergency spill containment and cleanup kit(s) in high-potential spill areas. The contents of the kit shall be appropriate for the type and quantities of chemical liquids stored at the facility.

*According to Washington state law, all spills of hazardous material and oil must be reported immediately by the spiller. Call the following THREE (3) numbers:*

*National Response Center: 800-424-8802 (24-hours)*

*– AND –*

*Washington Emergency Management Division: 800-258-5990 –OR– 800-OILS-911 (24-hours)*

*– AND –*

*Ecology Southwest Regional Office: 360-407-6300*

## Recommended Additional Operational BMP

- Spill kits should include appropriately lined drums, absorbent pads, and granular or powdered materials for neutralizing acids or alkaline liquids where applicable. In fueling areas: Package absorbent material in small bags for easy use and make available small drums for storage of absorbent and/or used absorbent. Deploy spill kits in a manner that allows rapid access and use by employees.

## S427 BMPs for Storage of Liquid, Food Waste, or Dangerous Waste Containers

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**Description of Pollutant Sources:** Steel and plastic drums with volumetric capacities of 55 gallons or less are typically used at industrial facilities for container storage of liquids and powders. The BMPs specified below apply to container(s) located outside a building. Use these BMPs when temporarily storing accumulated food wastes, vegetable or animal grease, used oil, liquid feedstock, cleaning chemicals, or Dangerous Wastes (liquid or solid). These BMPs do not apply when Ecology has permitted the business to store the wastes (see Standards for Solid Waste Containers in the Related State and Federal Regulations section of the Introduction to the Manual). Leaks and spills of pollutant materials during handling and storage are the primary sources of pollutants. Oil and grease, acid/alkali pH, BOD, COD are potential pollutant constituents.

**Pollutant Control Approach:** Store containers in impervious containment under a roof, or other appropriate cover, or in a building. When collection trucks directly pick up roll-containers, ensure a filet is on both sides of the curb to facilitate moving the dumpster. For storage areas on-site for less than 30 days, consider using a portable temporary secondary system like that shown in Figure 2.12 in lieu of a permanent system as described above.

### Required Operational BMPs

- Place tight-fitting lids on all containers.
- Place drip pans beneath all mounted container taps and at all potential drip and spill locations during filling and unloading of containers.
- Inspect container storage areas regularly for corrosion, structural failure, spills, leaks, overfills, and failure of piping systems. Check containers daily for leaks/spills. Replace containers, and replace and tighten bungs in drums as needed.
- Businesses accumulating Dangerous Wastes that do not contain free liquids need only to store these wastes in a sloped designated area with the containers elevated or otherwise protected from storm water run-on.
- When drums are stored in an area where unauthorized persons may gain access, secure drum with a mechanism appropriate for the type of container in a manner that prevents accidental spillage, pilferage, or any unauthorized use.



**Figure 2.12: Temporary Secondary Containment System**

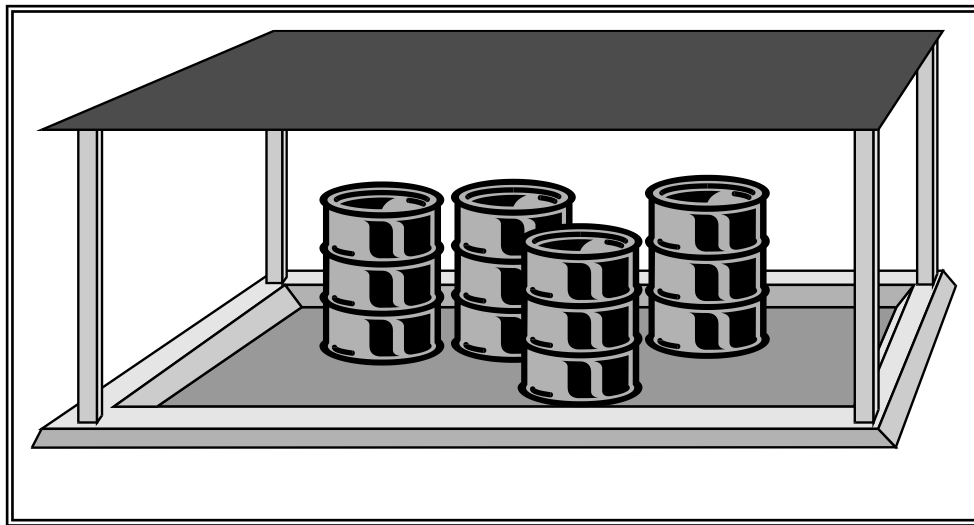
(Source: Interstate Products, Inc.)



- If the material is a Dangerous Waste, the business owner must comply with any additional Ecology requirements as specified in Ecology Requirements for Generators of Dangerous Wastes in the Related State and Federal Regulations section of the Introduction to the Manual.
- Storage of reactive, ignitable, or flammable liquids must comply with the Uniform Fire Code as described in the Related State and Federal Regulations section of the Introduction to the Manual.
- Cover dumpsters, or keep them under cover such as a lean-to, to prevent the entry of stormwater. Replace or repair leaking garbage dumpsters.
- Drain dumpsters and/or dumpster pads to sanitary sewer, if approved by the local sewer authority. Keep dumpster lids closed. Install waterproof liners.

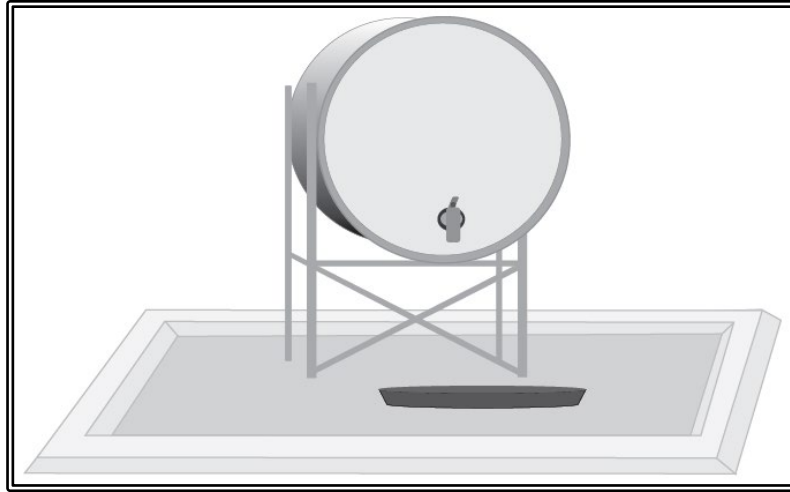
## Required Structural Source Control BMPs

- Keep containers with Dangerous Waste, food waste, or other potential pollutant liquids inside a building unless this is not feasible due to site constraints or Uniform/International Fire Code requirements.
- Store containers in a designated area, which is covered, bermed or diked, paved and impervious in order to contain leaks and spills (see Figure 2.13). Slope the secondary containment to drain into a dead-end sump for the collection of leaks and small spills.
- For liquid wastes, surround the containers with a dike as illustrated in Figure 2.13. The dike must be of sufficient height to provide a volume of either 10 percent of the total enclosed container volume or 110 percent of the volume contained in the largest container, whichever is greater.



**Figure 2.13: Covered and Bermed Containment Area**

- Where material is temporarily stored in drums, use a containment system as illustrated, in lieu of the above system (see Figure 2.12, Temporary Secondary Containment, above).
- Place containers mounted for direct removal of a liquid chemical for use by employees inside a containment area as described above. Use a drip pan during liquid transfer (see Figure 2.14).



**Figure 2.14: Mounted Container with Drip Pan**

(Source: Updated from Department of Ecology)

## Required Treatment BMP

*Note this treatment BMP for contaminated stormwater from drum storage areas.*

- For contaminated stormwater in the containment area, connect the sump outlet to a sanitary sewer, if approved by the local Sewer Authority, or to appropriate treatment such as an API or CP oil/water separator, catch basin filter or other appropriate system. Equip the sump outlet with a normally closed valve to prevent the release of spilled or leaked liquids, especially flammables (compliance with Fire Codes), and dangerous liquids. Open this valve only for the conveyance of contaminated stormwater to treatment.
- Another option for discharge of contaminated stormwater is to pump it from a dead-end sump or catchment to a tank truck or other appropriate vehicle for off-site treatment and/or disposal.

*For the stormwater treatment selection criteria and process, refer to [Book 1, Section 3.2](#). For design criteria, refer to [Book 2, Chapters 3 and 4](#).*



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## S428 BMPs for Storage of Liquids in Permanent Aboveground Tanks

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**Description of Pollutant Sources:** Aboveground tanks containing liquids (excluding uncontaminated water) may be equipped with a valved drain, vent, pump, and bottom hose connection. Aboveground tanks may be heated with steam heat exchangers equipped with steam traps, if required. Leaks and spills can occur at connections and during liquid transfer. Oil and grease, organics, acids, alkalis, and heavy metals in tank water and condensate drainage can also cause stormwater contamination at storage tanks.

**Pollutant Control Approach:** Install secondary containment or a double-walled tank. Slope the containment area to a drain with a sump. Operators may need to discharge stormwater collected in the containment area to treatment such as an API or CP oil/water separator, or equivalent BMP. Add safeguards against accidental releases including protective guards around tanks to protect against vehicle or forklift damage, and tagging valves to reduce human error. *Tank water and condensate discharges are process wastewater that may need an NPDES Permit.*

### Required Operational BMPs

- Inspect the tank containment areas regularly for leaks/spills, cracks, corrosion, etc. to identify problem components such as fittings, pipe connections, and valves.
- Place adequately sized drip pans beneath all mounted taps and drip/spill locations during filling/unloading of tanks. Operators may need valved drain tubing in mounted drip pans.
- Vacuum sweep and clean the tank storage area regularly, if paved.
- Replace or repair tanks that are leaking, corroded, or otherwise deteriorating.
- All installations shall comply with the Uniform Fire Code described in the Related Regulations section of the [Introduction to the Manual](#) and the National Electric Code.

### Required Structural Source Control BMPs

- Locate permanent tanks in impervious (Portland cement concrete or equivalent) secondary containment surrounded by dikes as illustrated in Figure 2.15, or use UL Approved double-walled tanks. The dike must be of sufficient height to provide a containment volume of either 10 percent of the total enclosed tank volume or 110 percent of the volume contained in the largest tank, whichever is greater.
- Slope the secondary containment to drain to a dead-end sump or equivalent, for the collection of small spills.
- Include a tank overfill protection system to minimize the risk of spillage during loading.



**Figure 2.15: Above-ground Tank Storage**

(Source: Clark County)

## Required Treatment BMPs

*Note this applicable treatment BMP for stormwater from petroleum tank farms.*

- For an uncovered tank containment area, equip the outlet from the spill-containment sump with a normally closed shutoff valve. Operators may open this valve manually or automatically, only to convey contaminated stormwater to approved treatment or disposal, or to convey uncontaminated stormwater to a storm sewer. Evidence of contamination can include the presence of visible sheen, color, or turbidity in the runoff, or existing or historical operational problems at the facility. Use simple pH tests with litmus or pH paper for areas subject to acid or alkaline contamination.
- At petroleum tank farms, convey stormwater contaminated with floating oil or debris in the contained area through an API or CP-type oil/water separator as approved by Clark County or other approved treatment prior to discharge to storm drain or surface water.

## S429 BMPs for Storage or Transfer (Outside) of Solid Raw Materials, Byproducts, or Finished Products

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**Description of Pollutant Sources:** Some pollutant sources stored outside in large piles, stacks, etc. at commercial or industrial establishments include:

- Solid raw materials
- Byproducts
- Gravel
- Sand
- Salts
- Topsoil
- Compost
- Logs
- Sawdust
- Wood chips
- Lumber
- Concrete
- Metal products

Contact between outside bulk materials and stormwater can cause leachate, and erosion of the stored materials. Contaminants may include TSS, BOD, organics, and dissolved salts (sodium, calcium, and magnesium chloride, etc.).

**Pollutant Control Approach:** Provide impervious containment with berms, dikes, etc. and/or cover to prevent run-on and discharge of leachate pollutant(s) and TSS.

### Required Operational BMP

- Do not hose down the contained stockpile area to a storm drain or a conveyance to a storm drain, or to a receiving water.

### Required Structural Source Control BMP Options

The source control BMP options listed below are applicable to:

- Stockpiles greater than 5 cubic yards of erodible or water soluble materials such as:
  - Soil
  - Road deicing salts
  - Compost

- Unwashed sand and gravel
- Sawdust
- Outside storage areas for solid materials such as:
  - Logs
  - Bark
  - Lumber
  - Metal products

Choose one or more of the following Source Controls:

- Store in a building or paved and bermed covered area as shown in Figure 2.16, or;
- Place temporary plastic sheeting (polyethylene, polypropylene, hypalon, or equivalent) over the material as illustrated (see Figure 2.17), or;
- Pave the area and install a stormwater drainage system. Place curbs or berms along the perimeter of the area to prevent the run-on of uncontaminated stormwater and to collect and convey runoff to treatment. Slope the paved area in a manner that minimizes the contact between stormwater (e.g., pooling) and leachable materials in compost, logs, bark, wood chips, etc.
- For large, uncovered stockpiles, implement containment practices at the perimeter of the site and at any catch basins as needed to prevent erosion and discharge of the stockpiled material off-site or to a storm drain. Ensure that no direct discharge of contaminated stormwater to catch basins exists without conveying runoff through an appropriate treatment BMP.



**Figure 2.16: Covered Storage Area for Bulk Solids (include berm if needed)**

(Source: Britespan Buildings)





**Figure 2.17: Material Covered with Plastic Sheetting**

(Source: Clark County)

## Required Treatment BMP

- Convey contaminated stormwater from the stockpile area to a wet pond, wet vault, settling basin, media filter, or other appropriate treatment system depending on the contamination.

## Recommended Additional Operational BMPs

- Maintain drainage areas in and around storage of solid materials with a minimum slope of 1.5 percent to prevent pooling and minimize leachate formation. Areas should be sloped to drain stormwater to the perimeter for collection or to internal drainage “alleyways” where no stockpiled material exists.
- Sweep paved storage areas regularly for collection and disposal of loose solid materials.
- If and when feasible, collect and recycle water-soluble materials (leachates).
- Stock cleanup materials, such as brooms, dustpans, and vacuum sweepers near the storage area.

## S430 BMPs for Urban Streets

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**Description of Pollutant Sources:** Urban streets can be the source of vegetative debris, paper, fine dust, vehicle liquids, tire and brake wear residues, heavy metals (lead and zinc), soil particles, ice control salts, domestic wastes, lawn chemicals, and vehicle combustion products. Street surface contaminants contain significant concentrations of particle sizes less than 250 microns (Sartor and Boyd, 1972).

**Pollutant Control Approach:** Conduct efficient street sweeping where and when appropriate to minimize the contamination of stormwater. Do not wash street debris into storm drains.

Facilities not covered under the Industrial Stormwater General Permit may consider a minimum amount of water washing of streets. All facilities must comply with their local stormwater requirements for discharging to storm sewers. Municipal NPDES permittees are required to limit street wash water discharges and may have special conditions or treatment requirements.

### Recommended BMPs

- For maximum stormwater pollutant reductions on curbed streets and high volume parking lots, use efficient vacuum sweepers.

Note: High-efficiency street sweepers utilize strong vacuums and the mechanical action of main and gutter brooms combined with an air filtration system that only returns clean air to the atmosphere (i.e., filters very fine particulates). They sweep dry and use no water since they do not emit any dust.

High-efficiency vacuum sweepers have the capability of removing, 80 percent or more of the accumulated street dirt particles whose diameters are less than 250 microns (Sutherland, 1998). This assumes pavements under good condition and reasonably expected accumulation conditions.

- For moderate stormwater pollutant reductions on curbed streets use regenerative air sweepers or tandem sweeping operations.

Note: A tandem sweeping operation involves a single pass of a mechanical sweeper followed immediately by a single pass of a vacuum sweeper or regenerative air sweeper.

- A regenerative air sweeper blows air down on the pavement to entrain particles and uses a return vacuum to transport the material to the hopper.
- These operations usually use water to control dust. This reduces their ability to pick up fine particulates.

*These types of sweepers have the capability of removing approximately 25 to 50 percent of the accumulated street dirt particles whose diameters are less than 250 microns. (Sutherland, 1998). This assumes pavements under good conditions and typical accumulation conditions.*

- For minimal stormwater pollutant reductions on curbed streets use mechanical sweepers.
  - Note: The industry refers to mechanical sweepers as broom sweepers and uses the mechanical action of main and gutter brooms to throw material on a conveyor belt that transports it to the hopper.
  - These sweepers usually use water to control dust. This reduces their ability to pick up fine particulates.

*Mechanical sweepers have the capability of removing only 10 to 20 percent of the accumulated street dirt particles whose diameters are less than 250 microns (Sutherland, 1998). This assumes pavements under good condition and the most favorable accumulation conditions.*

- Conduct vacuum sweeping at optimal frequencies. Optimal frequencies are those scheduled sweeping intervals that produce the most cost-effective annual reduction of pollutants normally found in stormwater and can vary depending on land use, traffic volume and rainfall patterns.
- Train operators in those factors that result in optimal pollutant removal. These factors include sweeper speed, brush adjustment and rotation rate, sweeping pattern, maneuvering around parked vehicles, and interim storage and disposal methods.
- Consider the use of periodic parking restrictions in low to medium density single-family residential areas to ensure the sweeper's ability to sweep along the curb.
- Establish programs for prompt vacuum sweeping, removal, and disposal of debris from special events that will generate higher than normal loadings.
- Disposal of street sweeping solids must comply with [Appendix 3-E](#) of this book.
- Inform citizens about eliminating yard debris, oil and other wastes in street gutters to reduce street pollutant sources.

## S43I BMPs for Washing and Steam Cleaning Vehicles / Equipment / Building Structures

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**Description of Pollutant Sources:** Pollutant sources include the commercial cleaning of vehicles, aircraft, vessels, and other transportation, restaurant kitchens, carpets, and industrial equipment, and large buildings with low- or high-pressure water or steam. This includes “charity” car washes at gas stations and commercial parking lots. The cleaning can include hand washing, scrubbing, sanding, etc. Washwater from cleaning activities can contain oil and grease, suspended solids, heavy metals, soluble organics, soaps, and detergents that can contaminate stormwater.

Between 1950 and 1980, PCBs were added to a range of building materials used on the exterior of industrial, commercial, government, and larger residential buildings to increase the material’s longevity. Without proper precautions, PCBs from paint, caulk and other joint materials, sealants, roofing, and other items can be released into the environment and enter stormwater conveyances during building washing activities. Recent guidance for characterizing and abating PCBs in building materials recommends against washing PCB-containing materials on a building’s exterior, and provides more detailed guidance on specific stormwater BMPs to apply when PCB-containing materials are or are assumed to be present (*How to Find and Address PCBs in Building Materials* (Ecology Publication 22-04-024)).

**Permitting Requirements:** Obtain all necessary permits for installing, altering, or repairing onsite drainage and side sewers. Restrictions on certain types of discharges may require pretreatment before they enter the sanitary sewer. For commercial building washdown, properties served by a municipal stormwater system may be required to assess for PCB-containing building materials prior to building washing activities.

**Pollutant Control Approach:** The preferred approach is to cover and/or contain the cleaning activity, or conduct the activity inside a building, to separate the uncontaminated stormwater from the washwater sources. Convey washwater to a sanitary sewer after approval by the local sewer authority. Provide temporary storage before proper disposal, ~~or recycling~~. Under this preferred approach, no discharge of washwater to the ground, to a storm drain, or to surface water should occur.

The Municipal Stormwater Permits (Phase I, Phase II western Washington, and Phase II eastern Washington) prohibit the discharge of building washdown water to municipal stormwater systems from structures suspected or confirmed to have PCB-containing materials.

The Industrial Stormwater General Permit prohibits the discharge of process wastewater (e.g., vehicle, building, or equipment washing wastewater) to groundwater or surface water. Stormwater that commingles with process wastewater is considered process wastewater.

Facilities not covered under the Industrial Stormwater General Permit that are unable to follow one of the preferred approaches listed above may discharge washwater to the ground only after proper

treatment in accordance with *Ecology guidance WQ-95-056, [Vehicle and Equipment Washwater Discharges/Best Management Practices Manual](#), November 2012 or most recent update.*

The quality of any discharge to the ground after proper treatment must comply with Ecology's Ground Water Quality Standards, [Chapter 173-200 WAC](#).

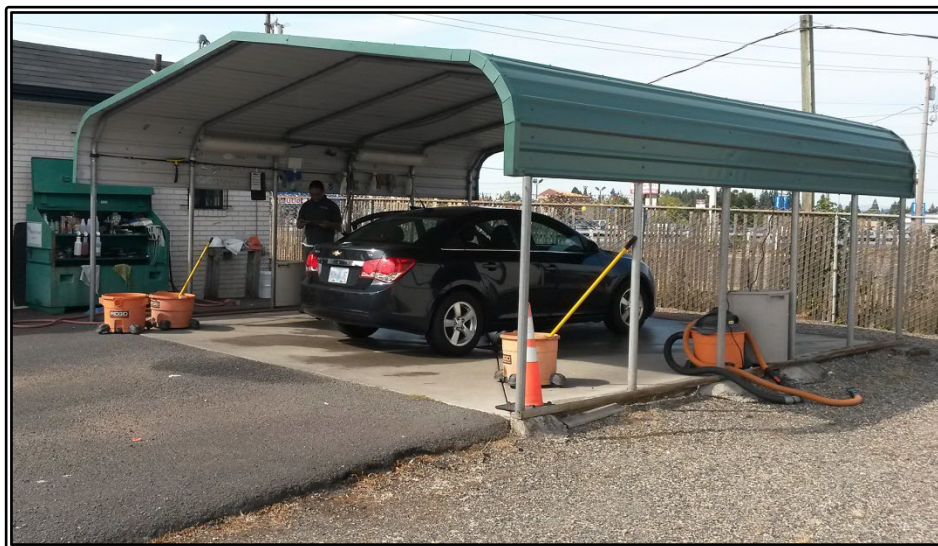
Facilities not covered under the Industrial Stormwater General Permit that are unable to comply with one of the preferred approaches and want to discharge to storm sewer, must meet their local stormwater requirements. Local authorities may require treatment prior to discharge.

Contact the local Ecology Regional Office to discuss permitting options for discharge of washwater to surface water or to a storm drain after on-site treatment.

### Required Structural Source Control BMPs

Conduct vehicle / equipment washing in one of the following locations:

- At a commercial washing facility in which the washing occurs in an enclosure and drains to the sanitary sewer, or;
- In a building or under a cover constructed specifically for washing of vehicles and equipment, which drains to a sanitary sewer.



**Figure 2.18: Covered Wash Area**

(Source: Clark County)

Conduct outside washing operation in a designated wash area with the following features:

- In a paved area, construct a spill containment pad to prevent the run-on of stormwater from adjacent areas. Slope the spill containment area to collect washwater in a containment pad drain system with perimeter drains, trench drains or catchment drains. Size the containment pad to extend out a minimum of four feet on all sides of the washed vehicles and/or equipment.

- Convey the washwater to a sump (like a grit separator) and then to a sanitary sewer (if allowed by the local Sewer Authority), or other appropriate wastewater treatment or recycle system. The containment sump must have a positive control outlet valve for spill control with live containment volume, and oil/water separation. Size the minimum live storage volume to contain the maximum expected daily washwater flow plus the sludge storage volume below the outlet pipe. Shut the outlet valve during the washing cycle to collect the washwater in the sump. The valve should remain shut for at least two hours following the washing operation to allow the oil and solids to separate before discharge to a sanitary sewer.
- Close the inlet valve in the discharge pipe when washing is not occurring, thereby preventing the entry of uncontaminated stormwater into the pretreatment/ treatment system. The stormwater can then drain into the conveyance/discharge system outside of the wash pad (essentially bypassing the sanitary sewer or recycle system). Post signs to inform people of the operation and purpose of the valve. Clean the concrete pad thoroughly until there is no foam or visible sheen in the washwater prior to closing the inlet valve and allowing uncontaminated stormwater to overflow and drain off the pad.

*Note that the purpose of the valve is to convey only washwater and contaminated stormwater to a treatment system.*

- Collect the washwater from building structures and convey it to appropriate treatment such as a sanitary sewer system if it contains or is suspected to contain PCBs, oils, soaps, or detergents. If the washwater does not contain PCBs, oils, soaps, or detergents (in this case only a low pressure, clean, cold water rinse is allowed) then it could drain to soils that have sufficient natural attenuation capacity for dust and sediment.
- Contact the local jurisdiction's stormwater program to inform them when PCB-containing materials are, or are likely to be, present.
- Assess commercial structures (including industrial facilities and multi-story residential structures) constructed or renovated between 1950-1980 for PCB-containing materials consistent with *How to Find and Address PCBs in Building Materials* (Ecology Publication 22-04-024) prior to building washdown. Single-family residential buildings are exempt from PCB assessment

## Recommended Additional BMPs

- Mark the wash area at gas stations, multi-family residences and any other business where non-employees wash vehicles.
- Operators may use a manually operated positive control valve for uncovered wash pads, but a pneumatic or electric valve system is preferable. The valve may be on a timer circuit and opened upon completion of a wash cycle. After draining the sump or separator, the timer would then close the valve.
- Use phosphate-free biodegradable detergents when practicable.
- Consider recycling the washwater.

Operators may use soluble/emulsifiable detergents in the wash medium and should use it with care and the appropriate treatment. Carefully consider the selection of soaps and detergents and treatment BMPs. Oil/water separators are ineffective in removing emulsified or water-soluble detergents. Another treatment appropriate for emulsified and water-soluble detergents may be required.

## **Exceptions**

- At gas stations (for charity car washes) or commercial parking lots, where it is not possible to discharge the washwater to a sanitary sewer, a temporary plug or a temporary sump pump can be used at the storm drain to collect the washwater for off-site disposal such as to a nearby sanitary sewer.
- New and used car dealerships may wash vehicles in the parking stalls as long as employees use a temporary plug system to collect the washwater for disposal as stated above, or an approved treatment system for the washwater is in place.

At industrial sites, contact Ecology for NPDES Permit requirements even when not using soaps, detergents, and/or other chemical cleaners in washing trucks.





## S432 BMPs for Wood Treatment Areas

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**Description of Pollutant Sources:** Wood treatment includes both anti-staining and wood preserving using pressure processes or by dipping or spraying. Wood preservatives include creosote, creosote/coal tar, pentachlorophenol, copper naphthenate, arsenic trioxide, malathion, or inorganic arsenicals such as chromated copper arsenate, acid copper chromate, chromate zinc chloride, and fluor-chrome-arsenate-phenol. Anti-staining chemical additives include iodo-propenyl-butyl carbamate, dimethyl sulfoxide, didecyl dimethyl ammonium chloride, sodium azide, 8-quinolinol; copper (II) chelate, sodium ortho-phenylphenate, 2-(thiocyanomethylthio)-benzothiazole (TCMTB) and methylene bis-(thiocyanate), and zinc naphthenate.

Pollutant sources include drips of condensate or preservative after pressurized treatment; product washwater (in the treatment or storage areas), spills and leaks from process equipment and preservative tanks, fugitive emissions from vapors in the process, blowouts and emergency pressure releases, and kick-back from lumber (phenomenon where preservative leaks as it returns to normal pressure). Potential pollutants typically include the wood treating chemicals, BOD, suspended solids, oil and grease, benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, phenol, chlorophenols, nitrophenols, heavy metals, and PAH depending on the chemical additive used.

**Pollutant Control Approach:** Cover and contain all wood treating areas and prevent all leaching of and stormwater contamination by wood treating chemicals. Wood treating facilities may be covered by the Industrial Stormwater General Permit or by an individual permit. Individual permits covering wood treatment areas include required source control BMPs or require the development of BMPs or a SWPPP. Facilities covered under the Industrial Stormwater General Permit must prepare and implement a SWPPP. When developing a SWPPP or BMPs, wood treating facilities should include the required operational and structural source control BMPs listed below.

### Required Operational BMPs

- Use dedicated equipment for treatment activities to prevent the tracking of treatment chemicals to other areas on the site.
- Eliminate non-process traffic on the drip pad. Scrub down non-dedicated lift trucks on the drip pad.
- Immediately remove and properly dispose of soils with visible surface contamination (green soil) to prevent the spread of chemicals to ground water and/or surface water via stormwater runoff.
- Relocate the wood to a concrete chemical containment structure until the surface is clean and until it is drip free and surface dry, if the wood contributes chemicals to the environment in the treated wood storage area.

### Recommended Operational BMP

- Consider using preservative chemicals that do not adversely affect receiving surface water and ground water.

## Required Structural Source Control BMPs

Cover and/or enclose, and contain with impervious surfaces, all wood treatment areas. Slope and drain areas around dip tanks, spray booths, retorts, and any other process equipment in a manner that allows return of treatment chemicals to the wood treatment process.

- Cover storage areas for freshly treated wood to prevent contact of treated wood products with stormwater. Segregate clean stormwater from process water. Convey all process water to an approved treatment system.
- Seal any holes or cracks in the asphalt areas that are subject to wood treatment chemical contamination.
- Elevate stored, treated wood products to prevent contact with stormwater run-on and runoff.
- Place dipped lumber over the dip tank, or on an inclined ramp for a minimum of 30 minutes to allow excess chemical to drip back to the dip tank.
- Place treated lumber from dip tanks or retorts in a covered paved storage area for at least 24 hours before placement in outside storage. Use a longer storage period during cold weather unless the temporary storage building is heated. Prior to moving wood outside, ensure that the wood is drip free and surface dry.

## S433 BMPs for Pools, Spas, Hot Tubs, and Fountains

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**Description of Pollutant Sources:** This section includes BMPs for pools, spas, hot tubs, and fountains used for recreational / decorative purposes that use chemicals and/or that are heated. Permittees that use pools, spas, hot tubs, and fountains as part of an industrial process should refer to their Industrial Stormwater Permit.

Discharge from pools, spas, hot tubs, and fountains can degrade ambient water quality. The waters from these sources typically contain bacteria that contaminate the receiving waters. Chemicals lethal to aquatic life such as chlorine, bromine and algaecides can be found in pools, spas, hot tubs, and fountains. These waters may be at an elevated temperature and can have negative effects on receiving waters and to aquatic life. Diatomaceous earth backwash from swimming pool filters can clog gills and suffocate fish.

Routine maintenance activities generate a variety of wastes. Chlorinated water, backwash residues, algaecides, and acid washes are a few examples. Direct disposal of these waters to storm drain systems and waters of the State is not permitted without prior treatment and approval.

The quality of any discharge to the ground after proper treatment must comply with Ecology's Ground Water Quality Standards, [Chapter 173-200 WAC](#).

The Washington State Department of Health and local health authorities regulate Water Recreation facilities which include pools, spas, and hot tubs. Owners and operators of those facilities must comply with those regulations, policies, and procedures. Following the guidelines here does not exempt or supersede any requirements of the regulatory authorities.

**Pollutant Control Approach:** Many manufacturers do not recommend draining pools, spas, hot tubs, or fountains; refer to the facility's operation and maintenance manual. If the water feature must be drained, convey discharges (within hoses or pipes) to a sanitary sewer if approved by the local sewer authority or to a storm sewer following the conditions outlined below. Do not discharge to a septic system, since it may cause the system to fail. No discharge to the ground, or to surface water should occur, unless permitted by the proper regulatory authority.

### Required Operational BMPs

- Clean the pool, spa, hot tub, or fountain regularly, maintain proper chlorine levels and maintain water filtration and circulation. Doing so will limit the need to drain the facility.
- Manage pH and water hardness to reduce copper pipe corrosion that can stain the facility and pollute receiving waters.
- Before using copper algaecides, try less toxic alternatives. Only use copper algaecides if the others alternative do not work. Ask a pool/spa/hot tub/fountain maintenance service or store for help resolving persistent algae problems without using copper algaecides.
- Develop and regularly update a facility maintenance plan that follows all discharge requirements.

- Dispose of unwanted chemicals properly. Many of them are hazardous wastes when discarded.
- Discharge waters originating from a pool/spa/hot tub/fountain to a sanitary sewer, if approved by the local sewer authority, local health authority or both. Do not discharge waters containing copper-based algaecides may to storm sewer systems.
- Do not discharge water directly from a pool, spa, hot tub, fountain, process wastes or wastewaters into storm drains except if the discharge water is:
  - Dechlorinated/debrominated to 0.1 ppm or less. (Some guidance on dechlorination is provided in the Department of Health's *Water System Design Manual*, Revised 12/09, DOH Publication 331-123. The Department of Health manual further references the American Water Works Association (AWWA) 1999b, C651 - AWWA Standard for Disinfecting Water Mains - and AWWA 2002, C652 - AWWA Standard for Disinfecting Water Storage Facilities. Contact American Water Works Association, Denver, CO, for more details.) Contact a pool chemical supplier to obtain neutralizing chemicals.
  - pH-adjusted.
  - Reoxygenated, if necessary.
  - Free of any coloration, dirt, suds, or algae.
  - Free of any filter media.
  - Free of acid cleaning wastes.
  - At a temperature that will prevent an increase in temperature in the receiving water. Cool heated water prior to discharge.
  - Released at a rate that can be accommodated by the receiving body (i.e. can infiltrate or be safely conveyed).
- Swimming pool cleaning wastewater and filter backwash shall not be discharged to the storm sewer.
- Bag diatomaceous earth (pool filtering agent) and dispose at a landfill.

## Required Structural Source Control BMPs

- Ensure that the pool/spa/hot tub/fountain system is free of leaks and operates within the design parameters.
- Do not provide any permanent links to storm drain systems. All connections should be visible and carefully controlled.

If the dechlorination or cooling process selected requires the water to be stored for a time, it should be contained within the pool or appropriate temporary storage container.

## S434 BMPs for Dock Washing

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**Description of Pollutant Sources:** Washing docks (or wharves, piers, floats, and boat ramps) can result in the discharge dirt, bird feces, soaps, and detergents that can be toxic to aquatic life, especially after they take on contaminants while cleaning. The BMPs in this section do not address dry docks, graving docks, or marine railway cleaning operations.

**Pollutant Control Approach:** Use dry methods and equipment (scraping, sweeping, vacuuming) to remove debris and contaminants prior to cleaning with water to prevent these substances from entering surface water.

### Applicable Operational BMPs:

#### Surface Preparation and Spot Cleaning

- Scoop and collect debris and bird feces.
- Sweep, capture, and dispose of debris from the dock as solid waste. Sweep or vacuum docks to minimize the need for chemical cleaners.
- During cleaning activities, if debris, substances, or wash water could enter surface waters through drains, temporarily block the drains and collect the water for proper disposal.
- Hose down the area if necessary and collect water as feasible.
- Try spot cleaning with water and a coarse cloth before using soaps or detergents.
- If a cleaner is needed for spot cleaning:
  - Mix it in a bucket and use it to scrub down only the areas that need extra attention.
  - Start with vinegar and baking soda and move to other options as needed. Spot clean using a rag if harsher cleaning products are needed.
  - Avoid or minimize the use of petroleum distillates, chlorinated solvents, and ammoniated cleaning agents.
  - Use degreasers or absorbent material to remove residual grease by hand and do not allow this material to enter surface water.
  - Keep cleaners in sealed containers. Keep cleaner containers closed securely when transporting between the shore and docks.
  - Properly dispose of the dirty bucket water.
- Minimize the scour impact of wash water to any exposed soil at the landward end(s) of the dock or below the dock. Place a tarp over exposed soil, plant vegetation, or put berms to contain eroded soil.

#### Dock Washing and Disposal

- To the extent practicable, collect any wash water generated from hosing down, pressure washing, or cleaning dock areas, and dispose of it properly.

- Try pressure washing using light pressure. This uses less water and decreases the need for soap and scrubbing when washing the dock. Avoid using excessive pressure, which may damage the dock or send flakes of paint and other material into the water.
- Do not place any debris and substances resulting from cleaning activities in shoreline areas, riparian areas, or on adjacent land where these substances may erode into waters of the state.
- Where treated wood associated with the structure being washed are present, use non-abrasive methods and tools that, to the maximum extent practicable, minimize removal of the creosote or treated wood fibers when it removes marine growth from creosote or any other treated wood.
- Do not discharge removed marine growth to waters of the state where such marine growth would accumulate on the seabed.
- Do not discharge emulsifiers, dispersants, solvents, or other toxic deleterious materials to waters of the state.

## S44I BMPs for Potable Water Line Flushing, Water Tank Maintenance, and Hydrant Testing

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**Description of Pollutant Sources:** Flushing is a common maintenance activity used to improve pipe hydraulics and to remove pollutants in systems. Flushing done improperly can result in the discharge of solids to receiving waters. Hydrant testing may result in the discharge of rust particles.

Chemicals used in line flushing and tank maintenance are highly toxic to aquatic organisms and can degrade receiving waters.

**Pollutant Control Approach:** Dechlorinate and pH adjust water used for flushing, tank maintenance, or hydrant testing. Dispose of the water to the sanitary sewer if possible.

### Applicable Operational BMPs:

- Remove solids from associated curbs and gutters before flushing water. Use erosion and sediment control BMPs such as BMP C235: Wattles, BMP C220: Inlet Protection, etc. to collect any solids resulting from flushing activities.
- If using super chlorination or chemical treatment as part of flushing, discharge water to the sanitary sewer. If sanitary sewer is not available, the water may be infiltrated to the ground as long as all of the following are met:
  - The water is dechlorinated to a total residual chlorine of 0.1 ppm or less.
  - Water quality standards are met.
  - A diffuser is used to prevent erosion.
  - The water does not cross property lines.
- Discharging water to a drainage system requires approval from the local jurisdiction. Check with the local jurisdiction to determine their requirements for approval. Most jurisdictions will require the water to be dechlorinated to a total residual chlorine concentration of 0.1 ppm or less and pH adjusted if necessary. Water must be volumetrically and velocity controlled to pre-vent resuspension of sediments or pollutants in the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4).
- Do not over apply dechlorination agents. This can deplete the dissolved oxygen concentration and reduce the pH in discharge / receiving waters.

### Optional Operational BMPs:

- If possible, design flushing to convey accumulated material to strategic locations, such as to the sanitary sewer or to a treatment facility; thus, preventing re-suspension and overflow of a portion of the solids during storm events.
- If possible, conduct flushing and tank maintenance activities on non-rainy days and during the time of year that poses the least risk to aquatic biota.

## Optional Treatment BMPs:

- Treatment for dechlorinating can include an application of a stoichiometric quantity of:
  - Ascorbic Acid, Sodium Ascorbate (Vitamin C)
  - Calcium Thiosulfate
  - Sodium Sulfite tablets
  - Sodium Thiosulfate
  - Sodium Bisulfite
  - Alternate Dechlorination Solutions



## S435 BMPs for Pesticides and an Integrated Pest Management Program

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**Description of Pollutant Sources:** Pesticides include herbicides, rodenticides, insecticides, fungicides, etc. Examples of pesticide uses include:

- Weed control on golf course lawns, access roads, utility corridors and landscaping.
- Sap stain and insect control on lumber and logs.
- Rooftop moss removal.
- Killing nuisance rodents.
- Fungicide application to patio decks.

It is possible to release toxic pesticides such as pentachlorophenol, carbamates, and organometallics to the environment by leaching and dripping from treated parts, container leaks, product misuse, and outside storage of pesticide contaminated materials and equipment. Poor management of pesticides can cause appreciable stormwater contamination and unintended impacts to non-targeted organisms.

**Pollutant Control Approach:** Control of pesticide applications to prevent contamination of stormwater. Develop and implement an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Plan. Carefully apply pesticides, in accordance with label requirements.

### Applicable Operational BMPs:

- Train employees on proper application of pesticides and disposal practices.
- Follow manufacturers' application guidelines and label requirements.
- Do not apply pesticides in quantities that exceed the limits on the product the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) label. Avoid excessive application of chemical.
- Conduct spray applications during weather conditions as specified in the label requirements and applicable local and state regulations. Do not apply during rain or immediately before expected rain (unless the label directs such timing).
- Clean up any spilled pesticides immediately. Do not hose down to a storm drain, conveyance ditch, or water body.
- Remove weeds/vegetation in stormwater ditches, stormwater facilities, and drainage systems by hand or other mechanical means and only use pesticides as a last resort.
- Flag all sensitive areas including wells, creeks, and wetlands prior to spraying.
- Post notices and delineate the spray area prior to the application, as required by the local jurisdiction, or by Ecology.

- Refer to S411 BMPs for Landscaping and Lawn / Vegetation Management and use pesticides only as a last resort.
- Conduct any pest control activity at the life stage when the pest is most vulnerable. For example, if it is necessary to use a *Bacillus thuringiensis* application to control tent caterpillars, apply it to the material before the caterpillars cocoon or it will be ineffective. Any method used should be site-specific and not used wholesale over a wide area.
- Mix pesticides and clean the application equipment under cover in an area where accidental spills will not enter surface or ground waters and will not contaminate the soil.
- The pesticide application equipment must be capable of immediate shutoff in the event of an emergency.
- Implement a pesticide-use plan and include at a minimum:
  - A list of selected pesticides and their specific uses.
  - Brands and formulations of the pesticides.
  - Application methods and quantities to be used.
  - Equipment use and maintenance procedures.
  - Safety, storage, and disposal methods.
  - Monitoring, record keeping, and public notice procedures. All procedures shall conform to the requirements of Chapter 17.21 RCW and Chapter 16-228 WAC.
- Develop and implement an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program if pests are present.

The following steps are adapted from (Daar, 1992).

- **Step One:** Correctly identify problem pests and understand their life cycle.
  - Learn more about the pest.
  - Observe it and pay attention to any damage that may be occurring.
  - Learn about the life cycle.
  - Many pests are only a problem during certain seasons, or can only be treated effectively in certain phases of the life cycle.
- **Step Two:** Establish tolerance thresholds for pests.
  - Decide on the level of infestation that must be exceeded before treatment needs to be considered. Pest populations under this threshold should be monitored but don't need treatment.
- **Step Three:** Monitor to detect and prevent pest problems.
  - Monitor regularly to anticipate and prevent major pest outbreaks.

- Conduct a visual evaluation of the lawn or landscape's condition. Take a few minutes before mowing to walk around and look for problems.
- Keep a notebook, record when and where a problem occurs, then monitor for it at about the same time in future years.
- Specific monitoring techniques can be used in the appropriate season for some potential problem pests, such as European crane fly.
- **Step Four:** Modify the maintenance program to promote healthy plants and discourage pests.
  - Review your landscape maintenance practices to see if they can be modified to prevent or reduce the problem.
  - A healthy landscape is resistant to most pest problems. Lawn aeration and over-seeding along with proper mowing height, fertilization, and irrigation will help the grass out-compete weeds.
  - Correcting drainage problems and letting soil dry out between waterings in the summer may reduce the number of crane-fly larvae that survive.
- **Step Five:** If pests exceed the tolerance thresholds:
  - Consider the most effective management options concurrent with reducing impacts to the environment. This may mean chemical pesticides are the best option in some circumstances.
  - Consider the use of physical, mechanical, or biological controls.
  - Study to determine what products are available and choose a product that is the least toxic and has the least non-target impact.
- **Step Six:** Evaluate and record the effectiveness of the control and modify maintenance practices to support lawn or landscape recovery and prevent recurrence.
  - Keep records!
  - Note when, where, and what symptoms occurred, or when monitoring revealed a potential pest problem.
  - Note what controls were applied and when, and the effectiveness of the control.
  - Monitor next year for the same problems.

## **Recommended Additional Operational BMPs:**

- Choose the least toxic pesticide available that is capable of reducing the infestation to accept-able levels. The pesticide should readily degrade in the environment and/or have properties that strongly bind it to the soil.

- Choose pesticides categorized by EPA as reduced risk. For example, the herbicide imazamox.
- When possible, apply pesticides during the dry season so that the pesticide residue is degraded prior to the next rain event.
- If possible, do not spray pesticides within 100 feet of water bodies. Spraying pesticides within 100 feet of water bodies including any drainage ditch or channel that leads to open water may have additional regulatory requirements beyond just following the pesticide product label. Additional requirements may include:
  - Obtaining a discharge permit from Ecology.
  - Obtaining a permit from the local jurisdiction.
  - Using an aquatic labeled pesticide and adjuvant.
- Use manual pest control strategies such as physically scraping moss from rooftops, high-pressure sprayers to remove moss, and rodent traps.
- Consider alternatives to the use of pesticides such as covering or harvesting weeds, substitute vegetative growth, and manual weed control/moss removal.
- Consider the use of soil amendments, such as compost, that are known to control some common diseases in plants, such as Pythium root rot, ashy stem blight, and parasitic nematodes.
- Once a pesticide is applied, evaluate its effectiveness for possible improvement. Records should be kept showing the effectiveness of the pesticides applied.
- Follow the FIFRA label requirements for disposal. If the FIFRA label does not have disposal requirements the rinseate from equipment cleaning and/or triple-rinsing of pesticide containers should be used as product or recycled into product.
- Develop an and adaptive management plan and annual evaluation procedure including: (adapted from (Daar, 1992))
  - A review of the effectiveness of pesticide applications.
  - Impact on buffers and sensitive areas, including potable wells. If individual or public pot-able wells are located in the proximity of commercial pesticide applications, contact the regional Ecology hydrogeologist to determine if additional pesticide application control measures are necessary.
  - Public concerns.
  - Recent toxicological information on pesticides used/proposed for use.

## Additional Information

For more information, refer to the Pesticide Information Center Online (PICOL) Databases at <https://picol.cahnrs.wsu.edu/>.

## *Chapter 2 – Selection of Operational and Structural Source Control BMPs*

Washington pesticide law requires most businesses that commercially apply pesticides to the property of another to be licensed as a Commercial Applicator from the Washington State Department of Agriculture.



## S444 BMPs for the Storage of Dry Pesticides and Fertilizers

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**Description of Pollutant Sources:** Pesticides such as pentachlorophenol, carbamates, and organometallics can be released to the environment as a result of container leaks and outside storage of pesticide-contaminated materials and equipment. Inappropriate management of pesticides or fertilizers can result in stormwater contamination. Runoff contaminated by pesticides and fertilizers can severely degrade streams and lakes and adversely affect fish and other aquatic life.

**Pollutant Control Approach:** Store fertilizer and pesticide properly to prevent stormwater contamination.

### Applicable Structural BMPs:

Store pesticides and fertilizers in enclosed impervious containment areas that prevent precipitation or unauthorized personnel from coming into contact with the materials.

### Applicable Operational BMPs:

- Containers and bags must be covered, intact, and off the ground.
- Store all material so that it cannot come into contact with water.
- Immediately clean up any spilled fertilizer or pesticides.
- Keep pesticide and fertilizer contaminated waste materials in designated covered and contained areas, and dispose of properly.
- Store and maintain spill cleanup materials near the storage area.
- Sweep paved storage areas as needed. Collect and dispose of spilled materials. Do not hose down the area.
- Do not discharge pesticide contaminated stormwater or spills/leaks of pesticides to storm sewers or to the sanitary sewer. Contaminated stormwater must be collected and disposed of properly. Unused or spilled/leaked pesticides must be disposed of according to the label.
- Comply with [WAC 16-228-1220](#) and Chapter [16-229 WAC](#).





## S449 BMPs for Nurseries and Greenhouses

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**Description of Pollutant Sources:** These BMPs are for use by commercial container plant, greenhouse grown, and cut foliage production operations. Common practices at nurseries and greenhouses can cause elevated levels of phosphorus, nitrogen, sediment, bacteria, and organic material which can contribute to the degradation of water quality.

**Pollutant Control Approach:** Minimize the pollutants that leave the site by controlling the placement of materials, stabilizing the site, and managing irrigation water.

### Applicable Operational BMPs:

- Establish nursery composting areas, soil storage, and mixing areas at least 100 feet away from any stream or other surface water body and as far away as possible from drainage systems.
- Do not dispose of collected vegetation into waterways or storm sewer systems.
- Do not blow, sweep, or otherwise allow vegetation or other debris into the drainage system.
- Regularly clean up spilled potting soil to prevent its movement, especially if fertilizers and pesticides are incorporated. (Haver, 2014)
- Use soil mixing and layering techniques with composted organic material to reduce herbicide use and watering.
- Utilize soil incorporated with fertilizers and / or pesticides immediately; do not store for extended periods. (Haver, 2014)
- Cover soil storage and compost storage piles. Refer to [S429](#) BMPs for Storage or Transfer (Outside) of Solid Raw Materials, Byproducts, or Finished Products.
- Dispose of pathogen-laced potting substrate and diseased plants appropriately.
- Place plants on gravel, geotextile, or weed cloth to allow infiltration and minimize erosion, including inside greenhouse structures. (Haver, 2014)
- Properly reuse, recycle, or dispose of used polyfilm, containers, and other plastic-based products so that they do not collect stormwater. (FDACS, 2014)
- Evaluate and manage irrigation to reduce runoff, sediment transport, and erosion.
  - Place irrigation inputs to keep moisture primarily in the plant's root zone. This will significantly reduce nutrient related impacts from fertilizers. (FDACS, 2014)
  - Avoid over-irrigating. This may exceed the soil's water-holding capacity and lead to run-off or leaching. (FDACS, 2014)
  - Consider and adjust as needed the uniformity of application, the amount of water retained within the potting substrate, and the amount of water that enters containers compared to that which exits the containers and / or falls between containers. (FDACS, 2014)

- Consolidate containers and turn off irrigation in areas not in production. This may require individual on / off valves at each sprinkler head. (Haver, 2014)
- Based on the stage of plant growth, space containers and flats as close as possible to minimize the amount of irrigation water that falls between containers. (FDACS, 2014)
- Group plants of similar irrigation needs together. (FDACS, 2014)
- Consider minimizing water losses by using cyclic irrigation (multiple applications of small amounts). (FDACS, 2014)
- Consider using sub-irrigation systems (e.g. capillary mat, ebb-and-flow benches, and trays or benches with liners); these systems can conserve water and reduce nutrient loss, particularly when nutrients are supplied in irrigation water that is reused. (FDACS, 2014)
- Refer to [S450](#) BMPs for Irrigation for additional BMP considerations.
- Refer to [S443](#) BMPs for Fertilizer Application and [S435](#) BMPs for Pesticides and an Integrated Pest Management Program.

## Applicable Structural BMPs:

- Use windbreaks or other means (e.g. pot in pot) to minimize plant blowover. (FDACS, 2014)
- Cover potting areas with a permanent structure to minimize movement of loose soil. Use a temporary structure if a permanent structure is not feasible. (Haver, 2014)
- Control runoff from central potting locations that have a watering station used to irrigate plants immediately after potting. Either:
  - Collect runoff in a small basin and reuse the runoff.
  - Or, route runoff through an onsite vegetative treatment area.
  - Or, use a graveled area and allow runoff to infiltrate.
- Surround soil storage and compost storage areas with a berm or wattles.
- Utilize a synthetic (geotextile) groundcover material to stabilize disturbed areas and prevent erosion in areas where vegetative cover is not an option. (FDACS, 2014)
- In areas with a large amount of foot traffic, use appropriate aggregate such as rock and gravel for stabilization. (FDACS, 2014)
- Store potting substrate that contains fertilizer in a dedicated area with an impermeable base. If the storage area is not under a roof to protect it from rainfall, manage runoff by directing it to a stormwater treatment area. (FDACS, 2014)

## S450 BMPs for Irrigation

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**Description of Pollutant Sources:** Irrigation consists of discharges from irrigation water lines, landscape irrigation, and lawn or garden watering. Excessive watering can lead to discharges of chlorinated potable water runoff into drainage systems; it can also cause erosion; and negatively affect plant health. Improper irrigation can encourage pest problems, leach nutrients, and make a lawn completely dependent on artificial watering. Mosquito breeding habitats may form through excessive watering.

**Pollutant Control Approach:** Limit the amount and location of watering to prevent runoff and discharges to drainage systems.

### Applicable Operational BMPs:

- Irrigate with the minimum amount of water needed. Never water at rates that exceed the infiltration rate of the soil.
- Maintain all irrigation systems so that irrigation water is applied evenly and where it is needed.
- Ensure sprinkler systems do not overspray vegetated areas resulting in excess water discharging into the drainage system.
- Inspect irrigated areas for excess watering. Adjust watering times and schedules to ensure that the appropriate amount of water is being used to minimize runoff. Consider factors such as soil structure, grade, time of year, and type of plant material in determining the proper amounts of water for a specific area.
- Inspect irrigated areas regularly for signs of erosion and / or discharge.
- Place sprinkler systems appropriately so that water is not being sprayed on impervious surfaces instead of vegetation.
- Repair broken or leaking sprinkler nozzles as soon as possible.
- Appropriately irrigate lawns based on the species planted, the available water holding capacity of the soil, and the efficiency of the irrigation system.
  - The depth from which a plant normally extracts water depends on the rooting depth of the plant. Appropriately irrigated lawn grasses normally root in the top 6 to 12 inches of soil; lawns irrigated on a daily basis often root only in the top 1 inch of soil.
- Do not irrigate plants during or immediately after fertilizer application. The longer the period between fertilizer application and irrigation, the less fertilizer runoff occurs.
- Do not irrigate plants during or immediately after pesticide application (unless the pesticide label directs such timing).
- Reduce frequency and / or intensity of watering as appropriate for the wet season (October 1 to April 30).

- Place irrigation systems to ensure that plants receive water where they need it. For example, do not place irrigation systems downgradient of plant's root zones on hillsides.

## Recommended Operational BMPs:

- Add a tree bag or slow-release watering device (e.g., bucket with a perforated bottom) for watering newly installed trees when irrigation system is not present.
- Water deeply, but infrequently, so that the top 6 to 12 inches of the root zone is moist.
- Use soaker hoses or spot water with a shower type wand when an irrigation system is not present.
  - Pulse water to enhance soil absorption, when feasible.
  - Pre-moisten soil to break surface tension of dry or hydrophobic soils/mulch, followed by several more passes. With this method, each pass increases soil absorption and allows more water to infiltrate prior to runoff.
- Identify trigger mechanisms for drought-stress (e.g., leaf wilt, leaf senescence, etc.) of different species and water immediately after initial signs of stress appear.
- Water during drought conditions or more often if necessary to maintain plant cover.
- Adjust irrigation frequency / intensity as appropriate after plant establishment.
- Annually inspect irrigation systems to ensure:
  - That there are no blockages of sprayer nozzles.
  - Sprayer nozzles are rotating as appropriate.
  - Sprayer systems are still aligned with the plant locations and root zones.
- Consult with the local water utility, Conservation District, or Cooperative Extension office to help determine optimum irrigation practices.
- Do not use chemigation and fertigation in irrigation systems. This will help avoid over application of pesticides and fertilizers.

## S445 BMPs for Temporary Fruit Storage

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**Description of Pollutant Sources:** This activity applies to businesses that temporarily store fruits and vegetables outdoors prior to or after packing, processing, or sale, or that crush, cut, or shred fruits or vegetables for wines, frozen juices, and other food and beverage products.

Activities involving the storage or processing of fruits, vegetables, and grains can potentially result in the delivery of pollutants to stormwater. Potential pollutants of concern from all fruit and vegetable storage and processing activities include nutrients, suspended solids, substances that increase biological oxygen demand (BOD), and color. These pollutants must not be discharged to the drainage system or directly into receiving waters.

**Pollutant Control Approach:** Store and process fruits and vegetables indoors or under cover whenever possible. Educate employees about proper procedures. Cover and contain operations and apply good housekeeping and preventive maintenance practices to prevent the contamination of stormwater.

### Applicable Operational BMPs:

- Educate employees on the benefits of keeping a clean storage area.
- Keep fruits, vegetables, and grains stored outside for longer than a day in plastic bins or in bins lined with plastic. The edge of the plastic liner should be higher than the amount of fruit stored or should drape over the side of the bin.
- Dispose of rotten fruit, vegetables, and grains in a timely manner (typically, within a week).
- Make sure all outside materials that have the potential to leach or spill to the drainage system are covered, contained, or moved to an indoor location. For fruits, vegetables, and grains stored outside for a week or more, cover with a tarp or other waterproof material. Make sure coverings are secured from wind.
- Minimize the use of water when cleaning produce to avoid excess runoff.
- Sweep or shovel storage and processing areas daily to collect dirt and fruit and vegetable fragments for proper disposal. Keep hosing to a minimum.
- Keep cleanup materials, such as brooms and dustpans, near the storage area.
- If a holding tank is used for the storage of wastewater, pump out the contents before the tank is full and dispose of wastewater to a sanitary sewer or approved wastewater treatment system.

### Applicable Structural BMPs:

- Enclose the processing area in a building or shed, or cover the area with provisions for storm-water run-on prevention. Alternatively, pave and slope the area to drain to the sanitary sewer, holding tank, or process treatment system collection drain.

## Optional Structural BMPs:

- Cover outdoor storage areas for fruits and vegetables.
- Use a containment curb, dike, or berm to prevent off-site runoff from storage or processing areas and to prevent stormwater run-on.

## S439 BMPs for In-Water and Over-Water Fueling

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**Description of Pollutant Sources:** BMPs in this section apply to businesses and public agencies that operate a facility used for the transfer of fuels from a stationary pumping station to vehicles or equipment in water. This type of fueling station includes aboveground or underground fuel storage facilities, which may be permanent or temporary. Fueling stations include facilities such as, but not limited to, commercial gasoline stations, port facilities, marinas, private fleet fueling stations, and boatyards.

Typically, stormwater contamination at fueling stations is caused by leaks or spills of fuels, lubrication oils, and fuel additives. These materials contain organic compounds, oil and greases, and metals that can be harmful to humans and aquatic life.

Most fuel dock spills are small and result from overfilling boat fuel tanks, burps from air vent lines, and drips from the pump nozzle as it is being returned to the pump.

**Pollutant Control Approach:** Provide employees with proper training and use spill control devices to prevent the discharge of pollutants in the receiving water or the drainage system.

### Applicable Operational BMPs

#### Applicable Operational BMPs for Fuel Docks

##### General

- Facilities and procedures for the loading or unloading of petroleum products must comply with U.S. Coast Guard requirements. Refer to specifications in Coast Guard Requirements for Marine Transfer of Petroleum Products.

##### Training and Fueling Dock Supervision

- Train staff on proper fueling procedures. Document training and maintain records.
- Have a trained employee supervise the fuel dock during fueling activities.
- Do not allow self-service on a marina dock without some means of controlling the dock activity. According to NFPA 30A: Code for Motor Fuel Dispensing Facilities and Repair Garages, each facility must have an attendant on duty to supervise, observe, and “control” the operation when open for business. This can be done via camera, intercom, and shutoff abilities in the office. However, this can lead to complacency and nothing can replace having an attendant on the dock to attend to emergencies when they occur. (NFPA, 2012)

##### Fueling Dock Setup, Maintenance, and Inspection

- Install a tank and leak detection monitoring system that shuts off the pump and fuel line when a leak is sensed.
- Install personal watercraft floats at fuel docks to stabilize personal watercraft/jet skis while refueling.

- Provide a spill containment equipment storage area where materials are easily accessible and clearly marked.
- Use automatic shut-off nozzles and promote the use of “whistles” and fuel/air separators on air vents or tank stems of inboard fuel tanks to reduce the amount of fuel spilled into receiving waters during fueling of boats.
- Post readable refueling directions, BMPs, and emergency protocols.
- Always have a “Spills Aren’t Slick” sign with emergency spill reporting numbers clearly visible. Marinas on land leased from the Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) are required to post these signs.
- Display “No Smoking” signs on fuel docks.
- Create a regular inspection, maintenance, and replacement schedule for fuel hoses, pipes, and tanks. Have staff walk the dock fuel lines from dispenser to tank to look for signs of leak-age at joints and determine hose condition from end to end.

#### Fueling Practices

- Discourage operators from “topping off” (no more than 90% capacity). Fuel expands and can slosh out of the vent when temperatures rise or waters become choppy.
- When handing over the nozzle, wrap an absorbent pad around the nozzle end or plug inside the nozzle end to prevent fuel in the nozzle from spilling.
- Have the boat operator place an absorbent pad or suction cup bottle under the vent(s) to capture fuel spurts from the vent.
- Never block open the fuel nozzle trigger and always disable hands-free clips to ensure the boater remains with the nozzle to prevent overfilling. Hands-free clips are not allowed in Washington, per [WAC 296-24-33015](#).
- Always keep the nozzle tip pointing up and hang the nozzle vertically when not in use.
- During fueling operations, visually monitor the liquid level indicator to prevent the tank from being overfilled.
- The maximum amount of product received must not exceed 95 percent capacity of the receiving tank.

#### Spill cleanup

- See [S426](#) BMPs for Spills of Oil and Hazardous Substances.
- Manage petroleum-contaminated booms, pads, and absorbents in a designated collection container and properly dispose of these materials (see [S427](#) BMPs for Storage of Liquid, Food Waste, or Dangerous Waste Containers).



- Ensure customers do not use soaps in the event of a spill. Use oil absorbent booms or pads instead.

### Applicable Operational BMPs for Fueling by Portable Container

- Have boats fuel on shore or at a fuel dock rather than transport fuel from an upland facility to the boats. Only use hand-held fueling containers or “jerry cans” when necessary or when on shore or at dock fueling is not practical.
- Always refill portable fuel containers on the pavement or dock to ensure a good electrical ground. While the deck of the boat may seem stable, static electricity can build up and cause a spark.
- On the dock, put an absorbent pad under the container and wrap an absorbent pad around the fuel fill — this can easily be done by putting a hole in the pad.
- Ensure the nozzle stays in contact with the tank opening.
- When transferring fuel from a portable can, use a fuel siphon with a shut-off feature. If a siphon is not available, a nozzle/spout with a shut off is a good alternative.
- Since fueling boats with a portable container can take time, make sure the container is comfortable to carry, hold, and balance.
- Use a high flow funnel. Funnels can help prevent spills by making a larger opening for fueling.
- Place a plug of absorbent pad or paper towel in the nozzle when not in use to capture any extra drops that accumulate.
- Fuel slowly and pour deliberately, and watch the container (especially the nozzle mechanism) for signs of wear.
- Store portable fuel tanks out of direct sunlight and keep in a cool, dry place to minimize condensation.



## S436 BMPs for Color Events

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**Description of Pollutant Sources:** Color events are charity, religious, or commercial events that involve the use of powdered (typically cornstarch based) and/or liquid dyes. Because they typically occur outside, there is a high likelihood of the color material entering drainage systems and surface water unless measures are taken to prevent these illicit discharges from occurring.

“Biodegradable” and “non-toxic” do NOT mean that a substance can go into storm drains or water bodies. The dye material can harm aquatic organisms by altering water quality and chemistry. State and Federal environmental laws require local jurisdictions to prohibit non-stormwater discharges to storm drains. Dye material and any wash water are prohibited discharges.

**Pollutant Control Approach:** Plan for the event. Control the application areas for the powder or liquid dyes. Block off storm drain inlets prior to the event. Clean up the areas immediately after the event.



Color events typically involve the use of powdered dyes such as those pictured.



## Powdered Dyes at Color Events

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**Figure 2.19: Powdered Dyes at Color Events**

## Applicable Operational BMPs:

### Pre-Event

- Create a map of your event that includes the following:
  - Event route.
  - Nearby streams, lakes, and ponds.
  - Start and finish areas.
  - Color application stations / areas.
  - Storm drain inlets and open stormwater system features (e.g., ditches, swales, bioretention, rain gardens) at the color application, start and finish areas.
- Create a Pollution Plan that details:
  - Measures taken to ensure that NO dye material, either during or after the event, will enter the drainage system.
  - How all dye material will be removed and disposed of.
  - What will happen in the event of rain (including addressing localized flooding, runoff, and collection of the stormwater).
  - Emergency numbers for the local city or county in case dye material does enter the storm drain or water body.
- Use handheld brooms to complete the initial cleanup of paved surfaces. Follow with use of a vacuum sweeper truck on roads.
- Contract with a commercial street sweeping firm to clean paved surfaces. Have a storm drain cleaning contractor on-call for discharges to storm drains or emergency clean-up if necessary.
- Ensure that the commercial street sweeping firm has a plan in place for the proper disposal of sweepings from the event and associated air filters.
- Ensure that all clean-up will be completed prior to the next forecasted rainfall, or no later than 24-hours after the race event, and that the contractor will have enough equipment and staff on hand for the clean-up.
- Request a copy of the dye product's SDS (Safety Data Sheet) from the manufacturer or supplier. Review the SDS for potential safety and environmental hazards.
- Comply with local jurisdiction event permit requirements that contain stormwater pollution prevention BMPs. If no local event permit is required, provide to the local jurisdiction in charge of stormwater drainage and/or surface water management, in plenty of time (two weeks or more) prior to the event:
  - Copies of the map
  - Pollution prevention plan
  - Commercial cleaning contract
  - Dye SDSs
  - Names and contact information of the event officials for both during and after the event.

## Preventing Runoff from Entering Drainage Systems and Water Bodies

- Protect storm drains by using berms, covering the drains, and using catch basin covers.
- Use care when removing berms, covers, and tarps to ensure no dye enters the storm drains.
- Prohibit participants from throwing dye within 100 feet of any stream or other surface waterbody.
- Prohibit participants from throwing dye within 100 feet of any open stormwater feature (e.g., ditch, swale, bioretention, rain garden, detention pond).
- Set up color stations at least 100 feet away from any surface water or open stormwater feature.
- The route, start, finish, and color application stations must be at least 100' away from any per-meable pavement or the permeable pavement must be completely covered.
- If the event will be held on a small, contained area, cordon off the area and place enough covers on the ground to cover the entire site. If possible, contain the color application to grassy areas where ground covers are unnecessary.

## Event Clean-Up

- Dry off tarps and stained wet pavement with towels or absorbent pads.
- Use brooms or street sweepers to clean up paved areas. The fineness of the material may require sweepers with dust control systems.
- Do not use blowers to move dye material.
- Do not use hoses or pressure washers to rinse excess dye off of tarps, sidewalks or paved areas. If it becomes necessary to use water to clean surfaces, all the water must be collected and disposed of to the sanitary sewer system, with approval from the local sewer agency.
- Call the local spill response hotline immediately (24/7) if any colored water enters a storm drain or water body.
- Dispose of the collected sweeping materials, cleaning materials, and air filters appropriately.
- All litter and debris must be picked up and properly disposed of.
- All clean-up must be done within 24-hours of the race event.

## S438 BMPs for Construction Demolition

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**Description of Pollutant Sources:** This activity applies to removal of existing buildings and other structures by controlled explosions, wrecking balls, or manual methods, and subsequent clearing of the rubble. The loose debris may contaminate stormwater.

Pollutants of concern include toxic organic compounds (suc as PCBs), hazardous wastes, high pH, heavy metals, and suspended solids.

PCBs were added to building materials before 1980 (such as caulk and other sealants, joint materials, paint, siding, roofing, and others), and now with age and weathering are at greater risk of being dislodged during demolition and renovation activities. Particles containing PCBs can be washed into the stormwater, contaminating the conveyance system and downstream water bodies, if not properly managed. PCB-containing building materials were more often used in public buildings such as schools, hospitals, universities, fire houses, police stations, government offices, military sites, as well as privately owned commercial and large multi-unit residential buildings. Recently, guidance has been developed for characterizing and abating PCBs in building materials that will undergo demolition or renovation (How to Find and Address PCBs in Building Materials (Ecology Publication 22-04-024). The user should refer to this document for more details on preventing PCBs from entering stormwater.

Additional regulations regarding PCBs may apply, including but not limited to the federal Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). For more information, refer to the U.S. EPA's guidance for PCBs at the following web address: <https://www.epa.gov/pcbs>

**Pollutant Control Approach:** Do not expose hazardous materials to stormwater. Regularly clean up debris that can contaminate stormwater. Protect the stormwater drainage system from dirty runoff and loose particles. Sweep paved surfaces daily. Educate employees about the need to control site activities. While awaiting active demolition, monitor the integrity of PCB-containing materials and take actions to prevent PCB-containing dust and solids from entering stormwater and stormwater conveyances.

### Applicable Operational BMPs:

- Identify, remove, and properly dispose of hazardous substances from the building before beginning construction demolition activities that could expose them to stormwater. Such substances could include PCBs, asbestos, lead paint, mercury switches, and electronic waste.
- Educate employees about the need to control site activities to prevent stormwater pollution, and also train them in spill cleanup procedures.
- Keep debris containers, dumpsters, and debris piles covered.
- Place storm drain covers, or a similarly effective containment device, on all nearby drains to prevent dirty runoff and loose particles from entering the stormwater drainage system.
  - Place the covers (or devices) at the beginning of the workday.
  - Collect and properly dispose of the accumulated materials before removing the covers (or devices) at the end of the workday.

- Use dikes, berms, or other methods to protect overland discharge paths from runoff if stormwater drains are not present.
- Sweep street gutters, sidewalks, driveways, and other paved surfaces in the immediate area of the demolition at the end of each workday. Collect and properly dispose of loose debris and garbage.
- Lightly spray water (such as from a hydrant or water truck) throughout the site to help control windblown fine materials such as soil, concrete dust, and paint chips. Control the amount of dust control water so that runoff from the site does not occur, yet dust control is achieved. Do not use oils for dust control.
- Follow the guidance document *How to Find and Address PCBs in Building Materials (Ecology Publication 22-04-024)* for PCB-containing building materials undergoing demolition or renovation.
- Contact the local jurisdiction's stormwater program to inform them when PCB-containing materials are, or are likely to be, present.
- To prevent PCBs in building materials from entering stormwater during the demolition planning/preparation phase (i.e. prior to active demolition), routinely visually survey the areas where PCB-containing building materials are likely to exist to check that they have remained intact. If weathering (e.g. flaking, peeling) becomes noticeably worse as demolition planning continues, consider installing BMPs to prevent runoff containing PCBs from entering the stormwater conveyance system, such as:
  - install catch basin filter inserts
  - dry sweep adjacent hard surfaces
  - prevent washwater or irrigation water from coming into contact with the PCB-containing building materials
  - educate landscaping and maintenance staff about avoiding the use of leaf blowers around the building.

## Suggested Operational BMPs:

- Construct a screen to prevent stray building materials and dust from escaping the area during demolition. Size and orient the screen to capture wind-blown materials and contain them onsite.
- Schedule demolition to take place at a dry time of the year to prevent stormwater runoff from the demolition site.





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## S440 BMPs for Pet Waste

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**Description of Pollutant Sources:** Pets and pet-care can generate pollutants from waste, animal washing, and cage or kennel cleaning. Pet waste that washes into lakes, streams or Puget Sound begins to decay, using up oxygen and releasing ammonia. Low oxygen levels and ammonia combined with warm water can kill fish. Pet waste also contains nutrients that encourage weed and algae growth and contribute to low oxygen and high pH in waters we use for swimming, boating, and fishing. Most importantly, pet waste can carry viruses and bacteria that could cause disease and lead to beach or shellfish harvesting closures.

**Pollutant Control Approach:** Use a plastic bag or pooper scooper to clean up after pets. Properly dispose of pet waste.

### Recommended Operational BMPs for Pet Owners

- Regularly pick up and dispose of pet waste deposited on walks and at home.
- Put pet waste in a securely closed bag and deposit it in the trash. Do not place pet waste in yard waste containers because pet waste may carry diseases, and composting may not kill disease-causing organisms.
- Do not compost or use pet waste as fertilizer. Harmful bacteria, worms, and parasites that can transmit disease can live in the soil for years even after the solid portion of the pet waste has dissolved.
- Do not dispose of unused pet pharmaceuticals in a storm drain, in a toilet, or down a sink. Check with your local refuse collector for proper disposal locations of pet medications.
- When cleaning out cages and kennels, dispose of wash water down the toilet or a mop sink. Otherwise, wash directly over lawn areas or make sure the wash water drains to a vegetated area.
- Bathe pets indoors or in a manner that wash water won't be discharged to storm drains, ditches, or surface waters of the state.

### Recommended Operational BMPs for Recreation Areas and Multi-Family Properties

- Post signs at recreation areas and multi-family properties (that allow pets) reminding residents and visitors to pick up after their pets.
- Carefully consider the placement of pet waste stations at recreation sites and near multi-family properties that allow pets. Choose locations convenient for dog walkers to pick up a bag at the start of their walk and locations for them to dispose of it at mid-walk or at the end of their walk.
- Check pet waste stations on a regular basis to keep pet waste bags stocked and disposal stations empty. Consider signage to keep regular trash out of pet waste disposal stations to avoid filling them too quickly. Make sure pet waste disposal stations have a cover to keep out water.

- At multi-family properties with roof-top dog runs, ensure that stormwater from the dog run is not discharged to the stormwater system. Check with the local jurisdiction regarding roof-top dog run connections to sanitary sewer.



**Figure 2.20: Example of a Pet Waste Station**

## S442 BMPs for Labeling Storm Drain Inlets On Your Property

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**Description of Pollutant Sources:** Waste materials dumped into storm drain inlets can have severe impacts on receiving waters. Posting notices regarding discharge prohibitions at storm drain inlets can prevent waste dumping. Storm drain signs and stencils are highly visible source controls that are typically placed directly adjacent to storm drain inlets.

**Pollutant Control Approach:** The stencil, affixed sign, or metal grate contains a brief statement that prohibits dumping of improper materials into the urban runoff conveyance system. Storm drain messages have become a popular method of alerting the public about the effects of and the prohibitions against waste disposal.

### Applicable Operational BMPs:

- Label storm drain inlets in residential, commercial, industrial areas, and any other areas where contributions or dumping to storm drains is likely.
- Stencil or apply storm drain markers adjacent to storm drain inlets to help prevent the improper disposal of pollutants. Or, use a storm drain grate stamped with warnings against polluting.
- Place the marker in clear sight facing toward anyone approaching the inlet from either side.
- Use a brief statement and / or graphical icons to discourage illegal dumping. Examples include:
  - “No Dumping – Drains to Stream”
  - “No Pollutants – Drains to Puget Sound”
  - “Dump No Waste – Drains to Lake”
  - “No Dumping – Puget Sound Starts Here”
- Check with your local government agency to find out if they have approved specific signage and/or storm drain message placards for use. Consult the local agency stormwater staff to determine specific requirements for placard types and methods of application.
- Maintain the legibility of markers and signs. Signage on top of curbs tends to weather and fade. Signage on face of curbs tends to be worn by contact with vehicle tires and sweeper brooms.
- When painting stencils or installing markers, temporarily block the storm drain inlet so that no pollutants are discharged from the labeling activities.

### Optional Operational BMPs:

Use a stencil in addition to a storm drain marker or grate to increase visibility of the message. Reference for this BMP: (CASQA, 2003).



## Storm Drain Inlet Labels

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**Figure 2.21: Storm Drain Inlet Labels**

## S443 BMPs for Fertilizer Application

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**Description of Pollutant Sources:** Poor application of fertilizers can cause appreciable storm-water contamination. Fertilizers can leach phosphorous, nitrogen, and coliform bacteria. Fertilizers can contribute to algae blooms, increase nutrient concentrations, and deplete oxygen in receiving waters.

**Pollutant Control Approach:** Minimize the amount of fertilizer necessary to maintain vegetation. Control the application of fertilizer to prevent the discharge of stormwater pollution.

### Applicable Operational BMPs:

- Apply the minimum amount of slow-release fertilizer necessary to achieve successful plant establishment.
- Do not fertilize when the soil is dry or during a drought.
- Never apply fertilizers if it is raining or about to rain.
- Do not apply fertilizers within three days prior to predicted rainfall. The longer the period between fertilizer application and either rainfall or irrigation, the less fertilizer runoff occurs.
- Determine the proper fertilizer application for the types of soil and vegetation involved.
- Follow manufacturers' recommendations and label directions.
- Train employees on the proper use and application of fertilizers.
- Keep fertilizer granules off impervious surfaces. Clean up any spills immediately. Do not hose down to a storm drain, conveyance ditch, or water body.
- If possible, do not fertilize areas within 100 feet of water bodies including wetlands, ponds, and streams.
- Avoid fertilizer applications in stormwater ditches, stormwater facilities, and drainage systems.
- In areas that drain to sensitive water bodies, apply no fertilizer at commercial and industrial facilities, to grass swales, filter strips, or buffer areas unless approved by the local jurisdiction.
- Use slow release fertilizers such as methylene urea, isobutylidene, or resin coated fertilizers when appropriate, generally in the spring. Use of slow release fertilizers is especially important in areas with sandy or gravelly soils.
- Apply fertilizers in amounts appropriate for the target vegetation and at the time of year that minimizes losses to surface and ground waters.
- Time the fertilizer application to periods of maximum plant uptake. Ecology generally recommends application in the fall and spring, although Washington State University turf specialists recommend four fertilizer applications per year.
- Do not use turf fertilizers containing phosphorous unless a soil sample analysis taken within the past 36 months indicates the soil of the established lawn is deficient in phosphorus. For more information about restrictions on turf fertilizers containing phosphorus, see the following website: <https://agr.wa.gov/departments/pesticides-and-fertilizers/fertilizers/fertilizers-containing-phosphorus>

## Recommended Operational BMPs:

- Test soils to determine the correct fertilizer application rates.
  - Evaluation of soil nutrient levels through regular testing ensures the best possible efficiency and economy of fertilization.
  - Fertilization needs vary by site depending on plant, soil, and climatic conditions.
  - Choose organic fertilizers when possible.
  - For details on soils testing, contact the local Conservation District, a soils testing professional, or a Washington State University Extension office.



## S446 BMPs for Well, Utility, Directional and Geotechnical Drilling

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**Description of Pollutant Sources:** This activity applies to drilling water wells and utilities, environmental protection and monitoring wells, and geotechnical borings that use machinery in the drilling. It does not apply to the use of devices such as hand augers, or for large structural drilling such as drilled shafts.

Drilling activities can expose soil and contaminated soil. These activities may cause the discharge of stormwater contaminated with sediments and other contaminants. This risk increases when drilling in areas with contaminated soils.

**Pollutant Control Approach:** Reduce sediment runoff from drilling operations.

### Applicable Operational BMPs:

- When drilling in areas of known or suspected soil contamination, test and characterize soil cuttings and accumulated sediment to determine proper management and disposal methods. If applicable, generator knowledge may be used to characterize the soil cuttings and accumulated sediment.
- Obtain permits for drilling activities, and for clearing and grading the access routes and the work site.
- Protect environmentally sensitive areas (streams, wetlands, floodplains, floodways, erosion hazards, and landslide hazards) within the area of influence of the work site.
- Mitigate potential impacts to surrounding areas and/or the drainage system.
- For horizontal directional drilling, take measures to capture and contain drilling fluids and slurry.
- Equip the driller to quickly respond to unusual conditions that may arise.
- Locate and prepare access roadways to minimize the amount of excavation and the potential for erosion.
- Contain accumulated uncontaminated water and sediment on site and pump into a storage tank or direct through a geotextile filtration system (or equivalent system) before discharging to the surrounding ground surface. Contaminants may include, but are not limited to, hydraulic fluids, contaminants in the soil and/or groundwater, polymers, and other drilling fluid additives.
- Keep all sediment-laden water out of storm drains and surface waters. If sediment-laden water does escape from the immediate drilling location, block flow to any nearby waterways or catch basins using fabric, inlet protections, sand bags, erosion fences, or other similar methods. Immediately notify Ecology and the local jurisdiction if sediment-laden water impacts the storm sewer system or surface waters.
- Divert any concentrated flows of water into the site using sandbags or check dams up-slope from the site.
- Dispose of soil cuttings and accumulated sediment appropriately. If cuttings or other soils disturbed in the drilling process are to be temporarily stockpiled on site, they must be covered and surrounded by a berm or filter device. See [S429](#) BMPs for Storage or Transfer (Outside) of Solid Raw Materials, Byproducts, or Finished Products.

- Stabilize exposed soils at the end of the job, using mulch or other erosion control measures. See [S425](#) BMPs for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control at Industrial Sites.
- Contain spent drilling slurry on site and allow it to dewater, or haul to an appropriate, approved disposal site.
- Restore disturbed areas with mulch (see BMP C121: Mulching) and seeding or hydroseeding (see BMP C120: Temporary and Permanent Seeding).

## S447 BMPs for Roof Vents

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**Description of Pollutant Sources:** This activity applies to processes that vent emissions to the roof and/or the accumulation of pollutants on roofs. Processes of special concern are stone cutting, metal grinding, spray painting, paint stripping, galvanizing, and electroplating. Pollutants from these processes may build up on roofs and may pollute stormwater roof runoff.

**Pollutant Control Approach:** Evaluate the potential sources of stormwater pollutants and apply source control BMPs where feasible.

### Applicable BMPs:

- Identify processes that are vented and may contribute pollutants to the roof. Pollutants of concern include and are not limited to:
  - Metal dust
  - Grease from food preparation
  - Solvents
  - Hydrocarbons
  - Fines
  - Stone dust
- Look for chemical deposition around vents, pipes, and other surfaces.
- Install and maintain appropriate source control measures such as air pollution control equipment (filters, scrubbers, and other treatment). (City of San José Environmental Services, 2004)
  - Check that your scrubber solution is appropriate for the chemistry of the fumes.
  - Install vent covers and drip pans where there are none.
  - Prevent leaks in pipefittings and containment vessels with routine maintenance.
- Consider instituting operational or process changes to reduce pollution.
- If proper installation and maintenance of air pollution control equipment does not prevent pollutant fallout on your roof, additional treatment of the roof runoff may be necessary.
  - Install/provide appropriate devices for roof runoff before it is discharged off site. This may include approved water quality treatment BMPs or structural stormwater treatment systems.
- Maintain air filters and pollution control equipment on a regular basis to ensure they are working properly. (The smell of odors from outside the building indicates that the pollution control equipment may need maintenance or evaluation.)
- When cleaning accumulated emissions from roof tops, collect the washwater and loose materials using a sump pump, wet vacuum, or similar device. Discharge the collected runoff to the sanitary sewer after approval by the local sewer authority or have a waste disposal company remove it.

## S451 BMPs for Building, Repair, Remodeling, Painting, and Construction

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**Description of Pollutant Sources:** This activity refers to:

- The construction of buildings and other structures.
- Remodeling of existing buildings and houses.
- General exterior building repair work.
- [Containment or removal of known or suspected exterior hazardous building materials.](#)

Pollutants of concern include toxic hydrocarbons, hazardous wastes, toxic organics ([such as PCBs](#)), suspended solids, heavy metals, pH, oils, and greases.

[PCBs were added to building materials before 1980 \(such as caulk and other sealants, joint materials, paint, siding, roofing, and others\), and now with age and weathering are at greater risk of being dislodged during demolition and renovation activities. Particles containing PCBs can be washed into the stormwater, contaminating the conveyance system and downstream water bodies, if not properly managed. Prior to 1980, PCB-containing building materials were more often used in public buildings such as schools, hospitals, universities, fire houses, police stations, government offices, military sites, as well as privately owned commercial and large multi-unit residential buildings. Recently, guidance has been developed for characterizing and abating PCBs in building materials that will undergo demolition or renovation \(\*How to Find and Address PCBs in Building Materials\* \(Ecology Publication 22-04-024\)\). The user should refer to this document for more details on preventing PCBs from entering stormwater.](#)

**Pollutant Control Approach:** Educate employees about the need to control site activities. Control leaks, spills, and loose material. Utilize good housekeeping practices. Regularly clean up debris that can contaminate stormwater. Protect the drainage system from dirty runoff and loose particles. [Prevent PCB-containing dust and solids from entering stormwater and stormwater conveyances.](#)

### Applicable Operational BMPs:

- Identify, remove, and properly dispose of hazardous substances from the building before beginning repairing or remodeling activities that could expose them to stormwater. Such substances could include PCBs, asbestos, lead paint, mercury switches, and electronic waste.
- [Follow Ecology's guidance document \*How to Find and Address PCBs in Building Materials\* \(Ecology Publication 22-04-024\) for PCB-containing building materials undergoing demolition or renovation.](#)
- [When removing suspected PCB-containing materials, avoid working in high wind conditions or take extra precautions when working in wind strong enough to move dust and debris. This could include constructing a wind screen of plastic at the edge of the groundcover to keep dust and debris from spreading.](#)
- [Contact the local jurisdiction's stormwater program to inform them when PCB-containing materials are, or are likely to be, present. They may be able to prioritize street sweeping and/or storm drain pipe cleaning in the area.](#)

- Educate employees about the need to control site activities to prevent stormwater pollution, and also train them in spill cleanup procedures. Employees may also include maintenance and landscaping staff working around buildings with exterior PCB-containing materials.
- At all times, have available at the work site spill cleanup materials appropriate to the chemicals used on site.
- Clean up the work site at the end of each work day. Put away materials (such as solvents) indoors or cover and secure them, so that unauthorized personnel will not have access to them.
- Sweep the area daily to collect loose litter, paint chips, grit, and dirt.
- Do not dump any substance on pavement, on the ground, in the storm drain, or toward the storm drain, regardless of its content, unless it is clean water only.
- Place a drop cloth, where space and access permits, before beginning wood treating activities. Use drip pans in areas where drips are likely to occur if the area cannot be protected with a drop cloth.
- Use ground or drop cloths underneath scraping and sandblasting work. Use ground cloths, buckets, or tubs anywhere that work materials are laid down.
- Clean paint brushes and other tools covered with water-based paints in sinks connected to sanitary sewers or in portable containers that can subsequently be dumped into a sanitary sewer drain.
- Clean brushes and tools covered with non-water-based finishes or other materials in a manner that enables collection of used solvents for recycling or proper disposal. Do not discharge non-water-based finishes or paints or used solvents into the sanitary sewer, or any other drain.
- Use storm drain covers, or similarly effective devices, to prevent dust, grit, washwater, or other pollutants from escaping the work area. Place the cover or containment device over the storm drain at the beginning of the work day. Collect and properly dispose of accumulated dirty runoff and solids before removing the cover or device at the end of each work day.
- Refer to [S431](#) BMPs for Washing and Steam Cleaning Vehicles / Equipment / Building Structures for best management practices associated with power washing buildings.

### Suggested Operational BMPs:

- Lightly spray water on the work site to control dust and grit that could blow away. Do not use oils for dust control. Never spray to the point of water runoff from the site.
- Clean tools over a ground cloth or within a containment device such as a tub.
- Consider using filtered vacuuming to collect waste that may be hard to sweep, such as dust on a drop cloth.
- If conducting work in wet weather conditions, consider setting up temporary cover when scraping or pressure-washing lead-based paint.
- Use tools and work methods that generate the least dust and heat. Consider using manual tools, as they generate less fine dust and heat.

## S452 BMPs for Goose Waste

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**Description of Pollutant Sources:** Goose waste deposited near water or in water can contribute nutrients and algae growth. Goose feces may contain pathogens and contribute to the spread of diseases. Swimmers itch (schistosome or cercarial dermatitis) is caused by a parasite that can be spread by goose droppings, but does not mature or reproduce in humans.

**Pollutant Control Approach:** To help decrease geese pollution to water sources, remove waste periodically and use deterrent management practices.

### Applicable Operational BMPs:

This BMP is for areas of chronic accumulation of goose waste that impact stormwater systems.

- If possible, pick up goose waste using shovels, brooms, rakes, power sweepers, and trash cans. Properly dispose of goose waste in the garbage.
- Do not blow, sweep, or wash goose waste into waterways or storm sewer systems.
- Regularly clean goose waste from areas of chronic deposition where deterrence measures are impractical.
- Do not feed wild geese or any other wild animals.
- In recreational areas post signs discouraging the feeding of geese and other wild animals.

### Optional Operational BMPs:

- Change the habitat from goose friendly to goose resistant. Reduce lawn areas and increase the height of shoreline vegetation (tall grass, shrubs); as geese are reluctant to walk through tall vegetation.
- Create a natural geese barrier. 20 to 100 feet of herbaceous vegetation at least 3 feet in height to discourage geese. A narrow, winding path through the plantings will allow for beach access, while preventing geese from having a direct line of sight through the planted area.
- Make bank slopes steeper than 4:1 to discourage geese by preventing a clear view of the bank top and potential predators. Or, separate the beach from the grass with a few steep steps, which makes the ascent too difficult for most geese.
- Narrow ponds to limit takeoff and landing opportunities.
- Where space is limited use one or two rows of shrub plantings combined with a fence. Fences can be made from woven wire, poultry netting, plastic netting, plastic snow fencing, monofilament line, or electrified wire. Fences should be at least 24 inches tall (3 feet may be better), firmly constructed, and installed to prevent the geese from walking around the ends. Lower openings should be no larger than 4 inches from the ground to prevent goslings from walking under or through the fence.
- Construct a grid of wire or line above the water's surface to prevent geese from flying into a pond that they have been accustomed to using. The grid should be one to two feet above the water surface, but may be taller if humans need access to the area under the grid. There should

- be no more than five feet of space between grid lines. To prevent geese from walking under the grid install a perimeter fence. Regularly monitor the grid for holes, trapped wildlife, and sagging.
- Canada geese are protected under federal and state law and a hunting license and open season are required to hunt them. Where lethal control of Canada geese is necessary outside of hunting seasons, it should be carried out only after the above nonlethal control techniques have proven unsuccessful and only under permits issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Currently, the only agency permitted for lethal removal is the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services. Lethal control techniques include legal hunting, shooting out of season by permit, egg destruction by permit, and euthanasia of adults by government officials.
  - Scare geese away when they are around. Geese often learn quickly to ignore scare devices that are not a real physical danger. Vary the use, timing, and location of tactics. Take advantage of geese being fearful of new objects. Examples of harassment and scare tactics:
    - **Dog patrols:** When directed by a handler, dogs are the method of choice for large open areas. Results are often immediate. After an aggressive initial use (several times a day for one or two weeks), geese get tired of being harassed and will use adjacent areas instead. A dog can be tethered to a long lead (which may require relocating the dog and tether frequently to cover more area), be allowed to chase and retrieve a decoy thrown over a large flock of geese, or be periodically released to chase the birds (if this is not against leash laws).
    - **Eyespot Balloons:** Large, helium-filled balloons with large eye-like images. Tether balloons on a 20 to 40 foot monofilament line attached to a stake or heavy object. Locate balloons where they will not tangle with trees or utility lines.
    - **Flags and Streamers:** Simple flags from plastic mounted on tall poles or mylar tape to make 6-foot streamers attached to the top of 8 foot long poles. Flags and streamers work best in areas where there is steady wind.
    - **Scarecrows:** Effective in areas where geese view humans as dangerous predators. For maximum effect, the arms and legs should move in the wind, use bright colors, and large eyes. Large, blow-up toy snakes are reported to work as a type of scarecrow.
    - **Noisemakers:** Devices that make a loud bang such as propane cannons, blanks, and whistle bombs can scare geese. Making the noise as soon as geese arrive and persistence are the keys to success when using these devices. Consult noise ordinances and other permitting authorities (such as the local police department) before using.
    - **Lasers:** Relatively low-power, long-wavelength lasers provide an effective means of dispersing geese under low light conditions. The birds view the light as a physical object or predator coming toward them and generally fly away to escape. Never aim lasers in the direction of people, roads, or aircraft.
  - Geese's favorite food is new shoots of grass. Low lying grass also allows easy access to the water for protection from predators. Let grass grow to six inches or taller. Stop fertilizing and watering the lawn to reduce the palatability of the lawn.
  - Minimize open sight lines for geese to less than 30 feet.
  - Plant shrubs or trees along ponds to limit takeoff and landing opportunities

Refer to: [http://www.humansociety.org/assets/pdfs/wild\\_neighbors/canada\\_goose\\_guide.pdf](http://www.humansociety.org/assets/pdfs/wild_neighbors/canada_goose_guide.pdf)  
and <https://wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/species/branta-canadensis> for additional  
information.



## *Chapter 2 – Selection of Operational and Structural Source Control BMPs*

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## Chapter 3 BMPs for Residential Properties

Residential properties in our community contribute to stormwater quality. How residents care for their properties through tasks such as yard maintenance, waste storage, car washing and maintenance can adversely impact water quality. Many residents may not realize that the storm drains in our community may not have treatment features that remove pollutants from the water prior to discharging to creeks, streams, and rivers.

Residents can apply Best Management Practices (BMPs) to their properties to keep stormwater from becoming polluted in the first place. Clark County is required to educate community members about these best management practices and how to play a role in protecting the creeks, streams and rivers in our community as well as our water contribution to the Columbia River.

A full list of BMPs and information is available on our website at [www.clarkgreenneighbors.org](http://www.clarkgreenneighbors.org). Click on the Resources tab at the top of the page and scroll down to Clean Water for more information and ideas about how to keep stormwater from residential properties from adversely affecting our waterways.

If you see a spill of materials into a storm drain or stormwater facility that may impact water quality, residents are encouraged to call **Washington Department of Ecology 24-hour Surface Water Quality and Spill Complaint line: (800) 258-5990**. Citizens can find more information on the **Clark County “Report stormwater, erosion or drainage concerns” web page at:** <https://clark.wa.gov/public-works/report-stormwater-erosion-or-drainage-concerns>.

A general list of BMPs for homeowners includes:

- Automobile Washing
- Automobile Maintenance
- Household Hazardous Material Use, Storage, and Disposal
- Yard Maintenance and Gardening
- Pet Waste
- Swimming Pool and Spa Maintenance
- General Home Maintenance

## Automobile Washing (for Single-Family Residences)

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Car washing at home may cause washwater to enter the storm drains and flow untreated into surface waters. Soaps and detergents, even the biodegradable ones, can have immediate and long-term effects.

### Suggested BMPs

- Engine degreasing or washing of internal engine components should not be completed at home. Take car to a commercial car wash that allows engine washing.
- The safest option to protect waterways is to take cars to a commercial car wash that discharges wastewater to the sanitary system for treatment.
- Minimize the impact of wash water to stormwater facilities by following the practices listed below.

### At Home

- Wash cars directly over lawn areas or make sure the wash water drains to a vegetated area.
- Only use soaps or detergents without phosphates.
- Consider using commercial products that allow cleaning a vehicle without water.
- Use a hose nozzle with a shut-off valve to save water.
- Do not wash cars if rain is expected.
- Pour the bucket of soapy, dirty washwater down your sink to a sanitary sewer connection.

### Away from Home

- For fundraising car washes, follow the same BMP principles listed above.
- For fundraising car washes, block storm drains and redirect runoff to vegetated areas or sanitary sewer connection. Refer to Clark County's web site to develop a safe river car wash kit for fundraising events to minimize pollutants from entering storm drains and waterways.

## Automobile Maintenance

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Fluids and materials leaking from automobiles can contribute a significant amount of pollution to stormwater runoff. If materials are left on hard surfaces, rainwater can then wash materials down storm drains. Proper maintenance and repairs of vehicles can minimize the pollution risk.

### Suggested BMPs

- Never dump new or used automotive fluids or solvents on the ground, in a storm drain or street gutter, or in a waterbody.
- Recycle all oils, antifreeze, solvents, and batteries per the [Clark County Recycling Directory A-Z](#).
- Do not mix wastes. Always keep your wastes in properly-labeled separate containers and store them under cover.
- Household Hazardous Waste cannot be disposed of with regular garbage. Refer to the Recycling Directory or contact your local waste hauler for details of how to properly dispose of your household hazardous waste.
- Fix all leaks to ensure materials stay off the streets and out of the stormwater system and local waterways.
- A tarp, ground cloth, sheet of cardboard, drip pans, or other materials to contain drips must be used beneath the vehicle or equipment to capture all spills and drips. Keep a bag of kitty litter on hand to absorb any spills. Sprinkle a layer on the spill, let it absorb and sweep it up. Dispose of the contaminated litter in the regular garbage in a tied plastic bag. Do not leave kitty litter out in the rain.
- If body work is performed outside, be sure to use a tarp to catch material resulting from grinding, sanding, and painting. Dispose of this waste by double bagging in plastic and placing in garbage.

## Household Hazardous Material Use, Storage, and Disposal

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There are numerous hazardous materials typically used in a residential setting such as oil-based paints, stains, paint thinner, gasoline, charcoal starter fluid, cleaners, waxes, pesticides, fingernail polish remover, and wood preservatives. When hazardous materials leak or are dumped on the ground or in a storm drain, they can be washed directly to storm drains and streams. These pollutants can harm fish and wildlife that use the waterways. Serious environmental harm may result if improper methods of storage, usage, and disposal are employed.

### Suggested BMPs

- Dispose of hazardous materials and their containers properly. Never dump products labeled as poisonous, corrosive, caustic, flammable, inflammable, volatile, explosive danger, warning, caution, or dangerous outdoors, in a storm drain or stormwater facility.
- Store containers of hazardous materials under cover and off the ground. Keep them out of the weather to avoid rusting, freezing, cracking, labels being washed off, etc.
- Check hazardous material containers frequently for signs of leakage. If a container is rusty and has the potential of leaking soon, place it in a secondary container before the leak occurs to prevent a clean-up problem.
- Keep appropriate spill cleanup materials on hand. Cat litter is good for many oil-based spills.
- Ground cloths and drip pans should be used under any work outdoors that involves hazardous materials such as oil-based paints, stains, rust removers, masonry cleaners, and other supplies bearing label warnings as outlined above.
- When hazardous materials are in use, place the container inside a tub or bucket to minimize spills.

## Yard Maintenance and Gardening

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This section deals with the normal yard maintenance activities typically performed on residential properties. Overwatering, overfertilizing, improper herbicide application, and improper disposal of trimmings and clippings can all contribute to serious water pollution problems. The Clark County [Washington State University Extension](#) office has extensive information on caring for properties while minimizing potential stormwater runoff and pollutants.

### Suggested BMPs

- Follow the manufacturer's directions exactly for mixing and applying herbicides, fungicides, and pesticides. Do not apply when it is windy or when rain is expected. Do not apply over water or within 100 feet of a well-head. Use caution and follow manufacturer's directions when applying chemicals adjacent to streams, wetlands, or other bodies of water. Triple-rinse empty containers, using the rinse for mixing the next batch of spray, and then dispose of the empty container in your regular garbage.
- Never dispose of grass clippings or other vegetation in or near storm drains, stormwater facilities or rivers. Review Clark County's website for grass-cycling information to minimize waste and protect water quality.
- Make sure all fertilizers and pesticides are stored in a covered location.
- Use natural, organic soil amendments and products whenever possible. Consult your local garden center for products that may be applicable based on your soil type and landscape needs.
- Save water and prevent pollution problems by avoiding overwatering lawns. Lawns and gardens typically need the equivalent of 1-inch of rainfall per week. Watering to the point where the water runs off the lawn surface is called overwatering, and the practice can carry polluting nutrients to the nearest storm drain.
- Consider planting a vegetated buffer zone adjacent to streams or other water bodies as well as reducing lawn areas that require higher maintenance.

## Pet Waste

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Pets and pet-care can generate pollutants from waste, animal washing, and cage or kennel cleaning. Pollutants include bacteria, which can pollute waterways. With over 11,000 pets in our community, every effort to minimize pollution waste can add up. Clark County's Canines for Clean Water campaign provides a list of key information for pet owners to help protect stormwater runoff. Pet owners can also take a pledge to commit to picking up pet waste in their yards as well as when out for walks. Visit [www.clark.wa.gov/environmental-services/canines-clean-water](http://www.clark.wa.gov/environmental-services/canines-clean-water) for information.

### Suggested BMPs

- Regularly scoop, sweep, and clean up pet waste deposited on walks and at home. Dispose of pet waste in the garbage. Cat litter should be disposed of properly with garbage.
- When cleaning out cages and kennels, wash directly over lawn areas or make sure the wash water drains to a vegetated area. Alternately, dispose of the wash water down the toilet or a mop sink.
- Do not dispose of unused pet pharmaceuticals in a storm drain, in a toilet, or down a sink. Check the Clark County Recycling Directory for proper disposal locations of pet medications.

## Swimming Pool and Spa Cleaning and Maintenance

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The water from pools and spas is considered wastewater and should not be dumped down a storm drain. The nutrients, pH, and chlorine can adversely affect fish and wildlife in creeks, streams and rivers.

### Suggested BMPs

- Swimming pool wastewater and filter backwash shall not be discharged to the storm drain or stormwater facility.
- Pool and spa water must be dechlorinated if it is to be emptied into a ditch, on the ground or a lawn, or to the storm drainage system. The discharges shall be dechlorinated to a concentration of 0.1 ppm or less, pH-adjusted and reoxygenated if necessary, and volumetrically and velocity controlled to prevent resuspension of sediments in the stormwater system. The rate of flow into the ditch or drainage system must be moderated so that it does not cause problems such as erosion, surcharging, or flooding.
- If pool and spa water cannot be dechlorinated, it must be discharged to the sanitary sewer.
- Hire a professional pool service company to collect pool water for proper disposal if a proper disposal on site is not available. Make sure to ask where the water will be disposed of and ensure the proper permits have been obtained.



## General Home Maintenance

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A number of normal maintenance activities typically performed in residential settings can be modified to reduce the risk of stormwater pollution.

### Suggested BMPs

- Pressure washing of building facades, rooftops, driveways, sidewalks, and patios should be conducted in a manner that minimizes runoff and pollutants leaving the property. Temporary curbs, dikes, or berms may be used to direct water away from storm drains or stormwater facilities. Water should be directed to the sanitary system or to an area where it can infiltrate in a landscape bed or evaporate. Debris generated from pressure washing should be swept up and disposed of properly.
- Carpet cleaning wash water should be disposed of to a sanitary sewer facility. It is preferred that the dirty wash water be discharged into a toilet or mop sink at the place where it was generated.
- Do not clean brushes or tools where the wastewater can enter a storm drain or stormwater facility. Clean brushes and tools coated with non-water-based paints, finishes, or other materials in a manner that allows collection of used solvents (e.g. paint thinner, turpentine, xylol, etc.) for proper disposal at a Household Hazardous Waste Facility. Refer to the Clark County [Recycling A-Z Directory](#) for locations based on the materials used.
- Regularly sweep the property curbs along the street to minimize debris and litter that can clog storm drains and carry pollutants to the drains. Properly dispose of waste that is collected. Do not sweep leaves and clippings into the street.

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## Urban Land Uses and Pollutant Generating Sources

Use this appendix to identify pollutant-generating sources at various land uses (manufacturing, transportation, communication, wholesale, retail, service - based on the 1987 Standard Industrial Classification codes (OMB, 1987), and public agencies). Required operational and structural source control and treatment BMPs for each pollutant source can then be selected by referring to Chapter 2 of this Book. Other land uses not included in this appendix should also consider implementing required (mandatory) BMPs for their pollutant sources.

### A.1 Manufacturing Businesses

#### **Cement** **SIC: 3241**

**Description:** These businesses produce Portland cement, the binder used in concrete for paving, buildings, pipe, and other structural products. The three basic steps in cement manufacturing are: 1) proportioning, grinding, and blending raw materials; 2) heating raw materials to produce a hard, stony substance known as clinker; and 3) combining the clinker with other materials and grinding the mixture into a fine powdery form. The raw materials include limestone, silica, alumina, iron, chalk, oyster shell marl, or shale. Waste materials from other industries are often used such as slag, fly ash and spent blasting sand. Raw materials are crushed, mixed and heated in a kiln to produce the correct chemical composition. Kilns typically are coal, gas, or oil fired. The output of the kiln is a clinker that is ground to produce the final product.

The basic process may be wet or dry. In the wet process water is mixed with the raw ingredients in the initial crushing operation and in some cases is used to wash the material prior to use. Water may also be used in the air pollution control scrubber. The most significant waste material from cement production is the kiln dust. Concrete products may also be produced at ready-mix concrete facilities. Refer to “Concrete Products” for a description of the BMPs appropriate to these activities.

**Potential Pollutant Generating Sources:** Stormwater may be contaminated during the crushing, grinding, storage, and handling of kiln dust, limestone, shale, clay, coal, clinker, gypsum, anhydrite, slag, sand, and product and at the vehicle and equipment maintenance, fueling, and cleaning areas. Total suspended solids, aluminum, iron and other heavy metals, pH, COD, potassium, sulfate, and oil and grease are some of the potential pollutants. The following mean concentrations in stormwater discharges have been reported Environmental Protection Agency (EPA’s) multi-sector permit fact sheet (EPA, 1995): TSS=1067, COD=107.5, aluminum=72.6, iron=7.5, all in mg/L, and pH=2-12. These values may be

useful in characterizing stormwater contaminants at cement manufacturing facilities.

## **Chemicals Manufacturing**

**SIC: 2800, 3861**

**Description:** This group is engaged in the manufacture of chemicals, or products based on chemicals such as acids, alkalis, inks, chlorine, industrial gases, pigments, chemicals used in the production of synthetic resins, fibers and plastics, synthetic rubber, soaps and cleaners, pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, paints, varnishes, resins, photographic materials, chemicals, organic chemicals, agricultural chemicals, adhesives, sealants, and ink.

**Potential Pollutant Generating Sources:** Activities that can contaminate stormwater include bagging, blending, packaging, crushing, milling, shredding, granulation, grinding, storage, distribution, loading/unloading, and processing of materials; equipment storage; application of fertilizers; foundries; lime application; use of machinery; material handling and warehousing; cooling towers; fueling; boilers; dangerous waste treatment, storage and disposal; wastewater treatment; plant yard areas of past industrial activity; access roads and tracks; drum washing, and maintenance and repair.

Chemical businesses in the Seattle area surveyed for dangerous wastes have been found to produce waste caustic solutions, soaps, heavy metal solutions, inorganic and organic chemicals, solvents, acids, alkalis, paints, varnishes, pharmaceuticals, and inks. The potential pollutants include BOD, TSS, COD, oil and grease, pH, total phosphorus, nitrates, nitrites, total Kjeldahl nitrogen, ammonia, specific organics, and heavy metals. EPA stormwater multi-sector permit fact sheet data <sup>(7)</sup> includes the following mean values in mg/L except pH: BOD, 4.4-143.2; TSS, 35-493; COD, 42.36-245.3; Oil and Grease, 0.3-6.0; NO<sub>2</sub>+NO<sub>3</sub>, 0.3-35.9; TKN, 1.3-108.9; tot. P, 0.1-65.7; ammonia, 40.45-73.22; Al, 1.20-1.78; Cu, .12-19; Mn, .56-. 71; Zn, 1.74-2.11; Fe, 2.24-3.52 and pH, 3.5-10.4. This data could be helpful in characterizing stormwater pollutants at the facility.

## **Concrete Products**

**SIC: 3270**

**Description:** Businesses that manufacture ready-mix concrete, gypsum products, concrete blocks and bricks, concrete sewer or drainage pipe, septic tanks, and prestressed concrete building components. Concrete is prepared on-site and poured into molds or forms to produce the desired product. The basic ingredients of concrete are sand, gravel, Portland cement, crushed stone, clay, and reinforcing steel for some products. Admixtures including fly ash, calcium chloride, triethanolamine, lignosulfonic acid, sulfonated hydrocarbon, fatty acid glyceride, or vinyl acetate, which may be added to obtain desired characteristics such as slower or more rapid curing times.



The first stage in the manufacturing process is proportioning cement, aggregate, admixtures and water, and then transporting the product to a rotary drum, or pan mixer. The mixture is then fed into an automatic block-molding machine that rams, presses, or vibrates the mixture into its final form. The final product is then stacked on iron framework cars where it cures in four hours. After being mixed in a central mixer, concrete is molded in the same manner as concrete block. The concrete cures in the forms for a number of hours. Forms are washed for reuse, and the concrete products are stored until they can be shipped.

**Potential Pollutant Generating Sources:** Pollutant generating activities/sources include stockpiles; washing of waste concrete from trucks, forms, equipment, and the general work area; and water from the curing of concrete products. Besides the basic ingredients for making concrete products, chemicals used in the curing of concrete and the removal of forms may end up in stormwater. These chemicals can include latex sealants, bitumastic coatings and release agents. Trucks and equipment maintained on-site may generate waste oil and solvents, and other waste materials. Potential pollutants include TSS, COD, BOD, pH, lead, iron, zinc, and oil and grease.

### **Electrical Products**

**SIC: 3600, 3800**

**Description:** A variety of products are produced including electrical transformers and switchgear, motors, generators, relays, and industrial controls; communications equipment for radio and TV stations and systems; electronic components and accessories including semiconductors; printed board circuits; electromedical and electrotherapeutic apparatus; and electrical instrumentation. Manufacturing processes include electroplating, machining, fabricating, etching, sawing, grinding, welding, and parts cleaning. Materials used include metals, ceramics, quartz, silicon, inorganic oxides, acids, alkaline solutions, arsenides, phosphides, cyanides, oils, fuels, solvents, and other chemicals.

**Potential Pollutant Generating Sources:** Pollutant generating activities/sources include bulk storage of raw materials, by-products or finished products; loading and unloading of liquid materials from truck or rail; temporary storage of waste oil and solvents from cleaning manufacturing equipment; used equipment temporarily stored on site that could drip oil and residual process materials; maintenance and repair of vehicles and equipment; and temporary storage of Dangerous Wastes.

Waste liquids which are sometimes stored outside include spent acetone and solvents, ferric chloride solutions, soldering fluxes mixed with thinner or alcohol, spent acids, and oily waste. Several of these liquid wastes contain chlorinated hydrocarbons, ammonium salts, and metals such as chromium, copper, lead, silver, zinc, nickel, and tin. Waste solids include soiled rags and sanding materials.

Wastewater consists of solutions and rinses from electroplating operations, and the wastewaters from cleaning operations. Water may also be used to cool saws and grinding machines. Sludges are produced by the wastewater treatment process. Potential pollutants include TSS, oil and grease, organics, pH, BOD, COD, Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen, Nitrate and Nitrite Nitrogen, copper, zinc, lead, and silver.

## **Food Products**

**SIC: 2000**

**Description:** Businesses in this category include meat packing plants, poultry slaughtering and processing, sausage and prepared meats, dairy products, preserved fruits and vegetables, flour, bakery products, sugar and confectioneries, vegetable and animal oils, beverages, canned, frozen or fresh fish, pasta products, snack foods, and manufactured ice. Food processing typically occurs inside buildings. Exceptions are meat packing plants where live animals may be kept outside, and fruit and vegetable plants where the raw material may be temporarily stored outside. Meat production facilities include stockyards, slaughtering, cutting and deboning, meat processing, rendering, and materials recovery. Dairy production facilities include receiving stations, clarification, separation, and pasteurization followed by culturing, churning, pressing, curing, blending, condensing, sweetening, drying, milling, and packaging. Canned frozen and preserved fruits and vegetables are typically produced by washing, cutting, blanching, and cooking followed by drying, dehydrating, and freezing.

Grain mill products are processed during washing, milling, debranning, heat treatment, screening, shaping, and vitamin and mineral supplementing. Bakery products processing includes mixing, shaping, of dough, cooling, and decorating. Operations at an edible oil manufacturer include refining, bleaching, hydrogenation, fractionation, emulsification, deodorization, filtration, and blending. Beverage production includes brewing, distilling, fermentation, blending, and packaging. Wine processors often crush grapes outside the process building and/or store equipment outside when not in use. Some wine producers use juice from grapes crushed elsewhere. Some vegetable and fruit processing plants use caustic solutions.

**Potential Pollutant Generating Sources:** The following are potential stormwater pollutant causing activities/sources: loading/unloading of materials, equipment/vehicle maintenance, liquid storage in tanks and drums, air emissions (ovens, vents), solid wastes handling and storage, wastewater treatment, pest control, animal containment and transit, and vegetable storage. Materials exposed to stormwater include acids, ammonia, activated carbon, bleach, blood, bone meal, brewing residuals, caustic soda, chlorine, coke oven tar, detergents, eggs, feathers, feed, ferric chloride, fruits, vegetables, coffee beans, gel bone, grain, hides, lard, manure, milk, salts, skim powder, starch, sugar, tallow, ethyl alcohol, oils, fats, whey, yeast, and wastes. The following are the pollutants typically

expected from this industry segment: BOD, TSS, Oil and Grease, pH, Kjeldahl Nitrogen, copper, manganese, fecal coliform, and pesticides.

### **Glass Products**

**SIC: 3210, 3220, 3230**

**Description:** The glass form produced may be flat or window glass, safety glass, or container glass, tubing, glass wool, or fibers. The raw materials are sand mixed with a variety of oxides such as aluminum, antimony, arsenic, lead, copper, cobalt oxide, and barium. The raw materials are mixed and heated in a furnace. Processes that vary with the intended product shape the resulting molten material. The cooled glass may be edged, ground, polished, annealed and/or heat-treated to produce the final product. Air emissions from the manufacturing buildings are scrubbed to remove particulates.

**Potential Pollutant Generating Sources:** Raw materials are generally stored in silos except for crushed recycled glass and materials washed off recycled glass. Contamination of stormwater and/or ground water can be caused by raw materials lost during unloading operations, errant flue dust, equipment/vehicle maintenance and engine fluids from mobile lifting equipment that is stored outside. The maintenance of the manufacturing equipment will produce waste lubricants and cleaning solvents. The flue dust is likely to contain heavy metals such as arsenic, cadmium, chromium, mercury, and lead. Potential pollutants include suspended solids, oil and grease, high/low pH, and heavy metals such as arsenic, cadmium, chromium, mercury, and lead.

### **Industrial Machinery and Equipment, Trucks and Trailers, Aircraft, Aerospace, and Railroad**

**SIC: 3500, 3713/14, 3720, 3740, 3760, 3800**

**Description:** This category includes the manufacture of a variety of equipment including engines and turbines, farm and garden equipment, construction and mining machinery, metal working machinery, pumps, computers and office equipment, automatic vending machines, refrigeration and heating equipment, and equipment for the manufacturing industries. This group also includes many small machine shops, and the manufacturing of trucks, trailers and parts, airplanes and parts, missiles, spacecraft, and railroad equipment and instruments.

Manufacturing processes include various forms of metal working and finishing, such as electroplating, anodizing, chemical conversion coating, etching, chemical milling, cleaning, machining, grinding, polishing, sand blasting, laminating, hot dip coating, descaling, degreasing, paint stripping, painting, and the production of plastic and fiberglass parts. Raw materials include ferrous and non-ferrous metals, such as aluminum, copper, iron, steel, and their alloys, paints, solvents, acids, alkalis, fuels, lubricating and cutting oils, and plastics.

**Potential Pollutant Generating Sources:** Potential pollutant sources include fuel islands, maintenance shops, loading/unloading of materials, and outside storage of gasoline, diesel, cleaning fluids, equipment, solvents, paints, wastes, detergents, acids, other chemicals, oils, metals, and scrap materials. Air emissions from stacks and ventilation systems are potential areas for exposure of materials to rain water.

## **Metal Products**

**SIC: 2514, 2522, 2542, 3312, 3314-17, 3320, 3350, 3360, 3400, 3590**

**Description:** This group includes mills that produce basic metals and primary products, as well as foundries, electroplaters, and fabricators of final metal products. Basic metal production includes steel, copper, and aluminum. Mills that transform metal billets, either ferrous or nonferrous such as aluminum, to primary metal products are included. Primary metal forms include sheets, flat bar, building components such as columns, beams and concrete reinforcing bar, and large pipe.

Steel mills in the Pacific Northwest use recycled metal and electric furnaces. The molten steel is cast into billets or ingots that may be reformed on site or taken to rolling mills that produce primary products. As iron and steel billets may sit outside before reforming, surface treatment to remove scale may occur prior to reforming. Foundries pour or inject molten metal into a mold to produce a shape that cannot be readily formed by other processes. The metal is first melted in a furnace. The mold is made of sand or metal die blocks that are locked together to make a complete cavity. The molten metal is ladled in and the mold is cooled. The rough product is finished by quenching, cleaning and chemical treatment. Quenching involves immersion in a plain water bath or water with an additive.

Businesses that fabricate metal products from metal stock provide a wide range of products. The raw stock is manipulated in a variety of ways including machining of various types, grinding, heating, shearing, deformation, cutting and welding, soldering, sand blasting, brazing, and laminating. Fabricators may first clean the metal by sand blasting, descaling, or solvent degreasing. Final finishing may involve electroplating, painting, or direct plating by fusing or vacuum metalizing. Raw materials, in particular recycled metal, are stored outside prior to use, as are billets before reforming. The descaling process may use salt baths, sodium hydroxide, or acid (pickling).

Primary products often receive a surface coating treatment. Prior to the coating the product surface may be prepared by acid pickling to remove scale or alkaline cleaning to remove oils and greases. The two major classes of metallic coating operations are hot and cold coating. Zinc, tin and aluminum coatings are applied in molten metal baths. Tin and chromium are usually applied electrolytically from plating solutions.

**Potential Pollutant Generating Sources:** Potential pollutant generating sources include outside storage of chemicals, metal feedstock, byproducts (fluxes), finished products, fuels, lubricants, waste oil, sludge, waste solvents, Dangerous Wastes, piles of coal, coke, dusts, fly ash, baghouse waste, slag, dross, sludges, sand refractory rubble, and machining waste; unloading of chemical feedstock and loading of waste liquids such as spent pickle liquor by truck or rail; material handling equipment such as cranes, conveyors, trucks, and forklifts; particulate emissions from scrubbers, baghouses or electrostatic precipitators; fugitive emissions; maintenance shops; erosion of soil from plant yards; and floor, sink, and process wastewater drains.

Based on EPA's multi-sector industrial stormwater permit/fact sheet the following are ranges of mean composite/grab pollutant concentrations from this industrial group (values are in mg/L except pH): BOD at 34.1/32.2; COD at 109.8/221.3; NO<sub>2</sub>+NO<sub>3</sub> N at 1.38/1.17; TKN at 3.05/3.56; Oil and grease at 8.88 (grab); pH at 2.6-10.3 (range-grab); total phosphorus at .52/1.25; TSS at 162/368; copper at 2.28/3.53; lead at .19/.79; zinc at 6.60/8.90; aluminum at 2.6/4.8; iron at 32.30/45.97; cadmium at 0.015/0.074; chromium at 2.2/5.053; nickel at 0.75/0.7; manganese at .59/.68; ammonia at .55/.85; and pyrene at .01/.06.

## **Paper and Pulp**

**SIC: 2610, 2620, 2630**

**Description:** Large industrial complexes in which pulp and/or paper, and/or paperboard are produced. Products also include newsprint, bleached paper, glassine, tissue paper, vegetable parchment, and industrial papers. Raw materials include; wood logs, chips, wastepaper, jute, hemp, rags, cotton linters, bagasse, and esparto. The chips for pulping may be produced on-site from logs, and/or imported.

The following manufacturing processes are typically used: raw material preparation, pulping, bleaching, and papermaking. All of these operations use a wide variety of chemicals including caustic soda, sodium and ammonium sulfites, chlorine, titanium oxide, starches, solvents, adhesives, biocides, hydraulic oils, lubricants, dyes, and many chemical additives.

**Potential Pollutant Generating Sources:** The large process equipment used for pulping is not enclosed. Thus, precipitation falling over these areas may become contaminated. Maintenance of the process equipment produces waste products similar to that produced from vehicle and mobile equipment maintenance. Logs may be stored, debarked and chipped on site. Large quantities of chips are stored outside. Although this can be a source of pollution, the volume of stormwater flow is relatively small because the chip pile retains the majority of the precipitation. Mobile equipment such as forklifts, log stackers, and chip dozers are sources of leaks/spills of hydraulic fluids. Vehicles and equipment are fueled and maintained on-site.

## **Paper Products**

**SIC: 2650, 2670**

**Description:** Included are businesses that take paper stock and produce basic paper products such as cardboard boxes and other containers, and stationery products such as envelopes and bond paper. Wood chips, pulp, and paper can be used as feedstock.

**Potential Pollutant Generating Sources:** The following are potential pollutant sources:

1. Outside loading/unloading of solid and liquid materials.
2. Outside storage and handling of dangerous wastes, and other liquid and solid materials.
3. Maintenance and fueling activities.
4. Outside processing activities comparable to Pulp and Paper processing in preceding section.

## **Petroleum Products**

**SIC: 2911, 2950**

**Description:** The petroleum refining industry manufactures gasoline, kerosene, distillate and residual oils, lubricants and related products from crude petroleum, and asphalt paving and roofing materials. Although petroleum is the primary raw material, petroleum refineries also use other materials such as natural gas, benzene, toluene, chemical catalysts, caustic soda, and sulfuric acid. Wastes may include filter clays, spent catalysts, sludges, and oily water.

Asphalt paving products consist of sand, gravel and petroleum-based asphalt that serves as the binder. Raw materials include stockpiles of sand and gravel and asphalt emulsions stored in aboveground tanks.

**Potential Pollutant Generating Sources:**

- Outside processing such as distillation, fractionation, catalytic cracking, solvent extraction, coking, desulfuring, reforming, and desalting.
- Petrochemical and fuel storage and handling.
- Outside liquid chemical piping and tankage.
- Mobile liquid handling equipment such as tank trucks, forklifts, etc.
- Maintenance and parking of trucks and other equipment.
- Waste Piles, and handling and storage of asphalt emulsions, cleaning chemicals, and solvents.
- Waste treatment and conveyance systems.

The following are potential pollutants at oil refineries: oil and grease, BOD5, COD, TOC, phenolic compounds, PAH, ammonia nitrogen, TKN, sulfides, TSS, low and high pH, and chromium (total and hexavalent).

**Printing**  
**SIC: 2700**

**Description:** This industrial category includes the production of newspapers, periodicals, commercial printing materials and businesses that do their own printing and those that perform services for the printing industry, for example bookbinding. Processes include typesetting, engraving, photoengraving, and electrotyping.

**Potential Pollutant Generating Sources:** Various materials used in modifying the paper stock include inorganic and organic acids, resins, solvents, polyester film, developers, alcohol, vinyl lacquer, dyes, acetates, and polymers. Waste products may include waste inks and ink sludge, resins, photographic chemicals, solvents, acid and alkaline solutions, chlorides, chromium, zinc, lead, spent formaldehyde, silver, plasticizers, and used lubricating oils. As the printing operations occur indoors, the only likely points of potential contact with stormwater are the outside temporary storage of waste materials, offloading of chemicals at external unloading bays, and vehicle/equipment repair and maintenance. Pollutants of concern include TSS, pH, heavy metals, oil and grease, and COD.

**Rubber and Plastic Products**  
**SIC: 3000**

**Description:** Although different in basic feedstock and processes used, businesses that produce rubber, fiberglass and plastic products belong to the same SIC group. Products in this category include rubber tires, hoses, belts, gaskets, seals; and plastic sheet, film, tubes, pipes, bottles, cups, ice chests, packaging materials, and plumbing fixtures. The rubber and plastics industries use a variety of processes ranging from polymerization to extrusion using natural or synthetic raw materials. These industries use natural or synthetic rubber, plastics components, pigments, adhesives, resins, acids, caustic soda, zinc, paints, fillers, and curing agents.

**Potential Pollutant Generating Sources:** Pollutant generating sources/activities include storage of liquids, other raw materials or by-products, scrap materials, oils, solvents, inks and paints; unloading of liquid materials from trucks or rail cars; washing of equipment; waste oil and solvents produced by cleaning manufacturing equipment; used equipment that could drip oil and residual process materials; and maintenance shops.

Based on data in EPA's multi-sector permit fact sheet the following are mean pollutant concentrations in mg/L, except for pH (unitless) and 1,1,1 trichloroethane, methylene chloride, toluene, zinc, oil/grease which are min.-max. grab sample values: BOD at 11.21-13.92, COD at 72.08-100.0, NO<sub>3</sub> + NO<sub>2</sub> Nitrogen at 86-1.26, TKN at 1.55-2.34, total phosphorus at .34-.41, TSS at 119.32-188.55, pH range of 2.56-10.1, trichloroethane at 0.00-0.38, methylene chloride at 0.00-13.0, toluene at 0.00-3.8, zinc at

.011-7.60 and oil and grease at 0.0-91.0. These data may be helpful in characterizing potential stormwater pollutants.

## **Ship and Boat Building and Repair Yards**

**SIC: 3730**

**Description:** Businesses that build or repair ships and boats. Typical activities include hull scraping, sandblasting, finishing, metal fabrication, electrical repairs, engine overhaul, and welding, fiberglass repairs, hydroblasting and steam cleaning.

**Potential Pollutant Generating Sources:** Outside boatyard activities that can be sources of stormwater pollution include pressure washing, surface preparation, paint removal, sanding, painting, engine/vessel maintenance and repairs, and material handling and storage.

Secondary sources of stormwater contaminants are cooling water, pump testing, gray water, sanitary waste, washing down the work area, and engine bilge water. Engine room bilge water and oily wastes are typically collected and disposed of through a licensed contracted disposal company. Two prime sources of copper are leaching of copper from anti-fouling paint and wastes from hull maintenance. Wastes generated by boatyard activities include spent abrasive grits, spent solvent, spent oils, fuel, ethylene glycol, washwater, paint overspray, various cleaners/detergents and anti-corrosive compounds, paint chips, scrap metal, welding rods, wood, plastic, resins, glass fibers, dust, and miscellaneous trash such as paper and glass.

Ecology, local shipyards, and METRO have sampled pressure wash wastewater. The effluent quality has been variable and frequently exceeds water quality criteria for copper, lead, tin, and zinc. From monitoring results received to date, metal concentrations typically range from 5 to 10 mg/L, but have gone as high as 190 mg/L copper with an average 55 mg/L copper.

## **Wood**

**SIC 2420, 2450, 2434, 2490, 2511/12, 2517, 2519, 2521, 2541**

**Description:** This group includes sawmills, and all businesses that make wood products using cut wood, with the exception of wood treatment businesses. Wood treatment as well as log storage and sorting yards are covered in other sections of this chapter. Included in this group are planing mills, millworks, and businesses that make wooden containers and prefab building components, mobile homes, and glued-wood products like laminated beams, as well as office and home furniture, partitions, and cabinets. All businesses employ cutting equipment whose by-products are chips and sawdust. Finishing is conducted in many operations.

**Potential Pollutant Generating Sources:** Businesses may have operations that use paints, solvents, wax emulsions, melamine formaldehyde and other thermosetting resins, and produce waste paints



and paint thinners, turpentine, shellac, varnishes and other waste liquids. Outside storage, trucking, and handling of these materials can also be pollutant sources.

Potential pollutants reported in EPA's draft multi-sector permit/fact sheet (U.S. EPA, 1995) include the following (all are grab/composite mean values, in mg/L, except for oil and grease and pH): BOD at 39.6/45.4, COD at 297.6/242.5, NO<sub>3</sub> + NO<sub>2</sub>-N at 0.95/0.75, TKN at 2.57/2.32, Tot. Phosphorus at 23.91/6.29; TSS at 1108/575, arsenic at .025/.028, copper at .047/.041, total phenols at .02/.007, oil and grease at 15.2, and pH at 3.6. These data may help in characterizing the potential stormwater pollutants at the facility.

### **Wood Treatment**

**SIC: 2491**

**Description:** This group includes both anti-staining and wood preserving. The wood stock must be brought to the proper moisture content prior to treatment, which is achieved by either air-drying or kiln drying. Some wood trimming may occur. After treatment, the lumber is typically stored outside. Forklifts are used to move both the raw and finished product. Wood treatment consists of a pressure process using the chemicals described below. Anti-staining treatment is conducted using dip tanks or by spraying. Wood preservatives include creosote, creosote/coal tar, pentachlorophenol, copper naphthenate or inorganic arsenicals such as chromated copper arsenate dissolved in water. The use of pentachlorophenol is declining in the Puget Sound region.

**Potential Pollutant Generating Sources:** Potential pollutant generating sources/activities include the retort area, handling of the treated wood, outside storage of treated materials/products, equipment/vehicle storage and maintenance, and the unloading, handling, and use of the preservative chemicals. Based on EPA's multi-sector permit/fact sheet (U.S. EPA, 1995) the following stormwater contaminants have been reported: COD, TSS, BOD, and the specific pesticide(s) used for the wood preservation.

### **Other Manufacturing Businesses**

**SIC: 2200, 2300, 2873/74, 3100, 3200, 3250-69, 3280, 3290**

**Description:** Includes manufacturing of textiles and apparel, agricultural fertilizers, leather products, clay products such as bricks, pottery, bathroom fixtures; and nonmetallic mineral products.

**Potential Pollutant Generating Sources:** Pollutant generating sources at facilities in these categories include fueling, loading & unloading, material storage and handling (especially fertilizers), and vehicle and equipment cleaning and maintenance. Potential pollutants include TSS, BOD, COD, Oil and Grease, heavy metals and fertilizer components including nitrates, nitrites, ammonia nitrogen, Kjeldahl Nitrogen, and phosphorous compounds.

## **A.2 Transportation and Communication**

### **Airfields and Aircraft Maintenance**

**SIC: 4513, 4515**

**Description:** Industrial activities include vehicle and equipment fueling, maintenance and cleaning, and aircraft/runway deicing.

**Potential Pollutant Generating Sources:** Fueling is accomplished by tank trucks at the aircraft and is a source of spills. Dripping of fuel and engine fluids from the aircraft and at vehicle/equipment maintenance/cleaning areas application of deicing materials to the aircraft and the runways are potential sources of stormwater contamination. Aircraft maintenance and cleaning produces a wide variety of waste products, similar to those found with any vehicle or equipment maintenance, including: used oil and cleaning solvents, paints, oil filters, soiled rags, and soapy wastewater. Deicing materials used on aircraft and/or runways include ethylene and propylene glycol, and urea. Other chemicals currently considered for ice control are sodium and potassium acetates, isopropyl alcohol, and sodium fluoride. Pollutant constituents include oil and grease, TSS, BOD, COD, TKN, pH and specific deicing components such as glycol and urea.

### **Fleet Vehicle Yards**

**SIC: 4100, 4210, 4230, 7381/2, 7510**

**Description:** Includes all businesses which own, operate and maintain or repair large vehicle fleets, including cars, buses, trucks and taxis, as well as the renting or leasing of cars, trucks, and trailers.

#### **Potential Pollutant Generating Sources:**

1. Spills/leaks of fuels, used oils, oil filters, antifreeze, solvents, brake fluid, and batteries, sulfuric acid, battery acid sludge, and leaching from empty contaminated containers and soiled rags.
2. Leaking underground storage tanks that can cause ground water contamination and is a safety hazard.
3. Dirt, oils and greases from outside steam cleaning and vehicle washing.
4. Dripping of liquids from parked vehicles.
5. Solid and liquid wastes (noted above) that are not properly stored while awaiting disposal or recycling.
6. Loading and unloading area.

### **Railroads**

**SIC: 4011/13**

**Description:** Railroad activities are spread over a large geographic area: along railroad lines, in switching yards, and in maintenance yards. Railroad

activity occurs on both property owned or leased by the railroad and at the loading or unloading facilities of its customers. Employing BMPs at commercial or public loading and unloading areas is the responsibility of the particular property owner.

**Potential Pollutant Generating Sources:** The following are potential sources of pollutants: dripping of vehicle fluids onto the road bed, leaching of wood preservatives from the railroad ties, human waste disposal, litter, locomotive sanding areas, locomotive/railcar/equipment cleaning areas, fueling areas, outside material storage areas, the erosion and loss of soil particles from the bed, and herbicides used for vegetation management.

Maintenance activities include maintenance shops for vehicles and equipment, track maintenance, and ditch cleaning. In addition to the railroad stock, the maintenance shops service highway vehicles and other types of equipment. Waste materials can include waste oil, solvents, degreasers, antifreeze, radiator flush, acid solutions, brake fluids, soiled rags, oil filters, sulfuric acid and battery sludge, and machine chips with residual machining oil and any toxic fluids or solids lost during transit. The following are potential pollutants at railyards: oil and grease, TSS, BOD, organics, pesticides, and heavy metals.

### **Warehouses and Mini-Warehouses**

**SIC: 4220**

**Description:** Businesses that store goods in buildings and other structures.

**Potential Pollutant Generating Sources:** The following are potential pollutant sources from warehousing operations: loading and unloading areas, outside storage of materials and equipment, fueling and maintenance areas. Potential pollutants include oil and grease and TSS.

### **Other Transportation and Communication**

**SIC: 4700-4900**

**Description:** This group includes travel agencies, communication services such as TV and radio stations, cable companies, and electric and gas services. It does not include railroads, airplane transport services, airlines, pipeline companies, and airfields.

**Potential Pollutant Generating Sources:** Gas and electric services are likely to own vehicles that are washed, fueled and maintained on site. Communication service companies can generate used oils and Dangerous Wastes. The following are the potential pollutants: oil and grease, TSS, BOD, and heavy metals.

## **A.3 Retail and Wholesale Businesses**

### **Gas Stations**

**SIC: 5540**

Refer to S409 BMPs Fueling at Dedicated Stations in Chapter 2 of this Book to select required BMPs.

### **Recyclers and Scrap Yards**

**SIC: 5093, 5015**

Refer to S423 BMPs for Recyclers and Scrap Yards

### **Commercial Composting**

**SIC 2875**

**Description:** This typically applies to businesses that have numerous compost piles that require large open areas to break down the wastes. Composting can contribute nutrients, organics, coliform bacteria, low pH, color, and suspended solids to stormwater runoff.

**Potential Pollutant Generating Sources:** The compost is required to be contained, but may be a cause for concern during loading and unloading. Compost can have high levels of nutrients, organics, coliform bacteria, low pH, color concerns and suspended solids. Composting requires heavy equipment such as trucks and loaders. The equipment can generate oil and grease.

### **Restaurants/Fast Food**

**SIC: 5800**

**Description:** Businesses that provide food service to the general public, including drive through facilities.

**Potential Pollutant Generating Sources:** Potential pollutant sources include high-use customer parking lots and garbage dumpsters. The cleaning of roofs and other outside areas of restaurant and cooking vent filters in the parking lot can cause cooking grease to be discharged to the storm drains. The discharge of washwater or grease to storm drains or surface water is not allowed.

### **Retail/General Merchandise**

**SIC: 5300, 5600, 5700, 5900, and 5990**

**Description:** This group includes general merchandising stores such as department stores, shopping malls, variety stores, 24-hour convenience stores, and general retail stores that focus on a few product types such as clothing and shoes. It also includes furniture and appliance stores.

**Potential Pollutant Generating Sources:** Of particular concern are the high-use parking lots of shopping malls and 24-hour convenience stores. Furniture and appliance stores may provide repair services in which Dangerous Wastes may be produced.

### **Retail/Wholesale Vehicle and Equipment Dealers**

**SIC: 5010, 5080, and 5500, 751 excluding fueling stations (5540)**

**Description:** This group includes all retail and wholesale businesses that sell, rent, or lease cars, trucks, boats, trailers, mobile homes, motorcycles

and recreational vehicles. It includes both new and used vehicle dealers. It also includes sellers of heavy equipment for construction, farming, and industry. With the exception of motorcycle dealers, these businesses have large parking lots. Most retail dealers that sell new vehicles and large equipment also provide repair and maintenance services.

**Potential Pollutant Generating Sources:** Oil and other materials that have dripped from parked vehicles can contaminate stormwater at high-use parking areas. Vehicles are washed regularly generating vehicle grime and detergent pollutants. The storm or washwater runoff will contain oils and various organics, metals, and phosphorus. Repair and maintenance services generate a variety of waste liquids and solids including used oils and engine fluids, solvents, waste paint, soiled rags, and dirty used engine parts. Many of these materials are Dangerous Wastes.

### **Retail/Wholesale Nurseries and Building Materials**

**SIC: 5030, 5198, 5210, 5230, and 5260**

**Description:** These businesses are placed in a separate group because they are likely to store much of their merchandise outside of the main building. They include nurseries, and businesses that sell building and construction materials and equipment, paint (5198, 5230) and hardware.

**Potential Pollutant Generating Sources:** Some businesses may have small fueling capabilities for forklifts and may also maintain and repair their vehicles and equipment. Some businesses may have unpaved areas, with the potential to contaminate stormwater by leaching of nutrients, pesticides, and herbicides. Businesses in this group surveyed in the Puget Sound area for Dangerous Wastes were found to produce waste solvents, paints and used oil. Storm runoff from exposed storage areas can contain suspended solids, and oil and grease from vehicles and forklifts and high-use customer parking lots, and other pollutants. Runoff from nurseries may contain nutrients, pesticides and/or herbicides.

### **Retail/Wholesale Chemicals and Petroleum**

**SIC: 5160, 5170**

**Description:** These businesses sell plastic materials, chemicals and related products. This group also includes the bulk storage and selling of petroleum products such as diesel oil, automotive fuels, etc.

**Potential Pollutant Generating Sources:** The general areas of concern are the spillage of chemicals or petroleum during loading and unloading, and the washing and maintenance of tanker trucks and other vehicles. Also, the fire code requires that vegetation be controlled within a tank farm to avoid a fire hazard. Herbicides are typically used. The concentration of oil in untreated stormwater is known to exceed the water quality effluent guideline for oil and grease. Runoff is also likely to contain significant concentrations of benzene, phenol, chloroform, lead, and zinc.

## **Retail/Wholesale Foods and Beverages**

***SIC 5140, 5180, 541, 542, 543***

**Description:** Included are businesses that provide retail food stores including general groceries, fish and seafood, meats and meat products, dairy products, poultry, soft drinks, and alcoholic beverages.

**Potential Pollutant Generating Sources:** Vehicles may be fueled, washed and maintained at the business. Spillage of food and beverages may occur. Waste food and broken contaminated glass may be temporarily stored in containers located outside. High-use customer parking lots may be sources of oil and other contaminants

## **Other Retail/Wholesale Businesses**

***SIC: 5010 (not 5012), 5040, 5060, 5070, 5090, 515***

**Description:** Businesses in this group include sellers of vehicle parts, tires, furniture and home furnishings, photographic and office equipment, electrical goods, sporting goods and toys, paper products, drugs, and apparel.

**Potential Pollutant Generating Sources:** Pollutant sources include high-use parking lots, and delivery vehicles that may be fueled, washed, and maintained on premises.

## A.4 Service Businesses

### Animal Care Services

**SIC: 0740, 0750**

**Description:** This group includes racetracks, kennels, fenced pens, veterinarians and businesses that provide boarding services for animals including horses, dogs, and cats.

**Potential Pollutant Generating Sources:** The primary sources of pollution include animal manure, washwaters, waste products from animal treatment, runoff from pastures where larger livestock are allowed to roam, and vehicle maintenance and repair shops. Pastures may border streams and direct access to the stream may occur. Both surface water and ground water may be contaminated. Potential stormwater contaminants include fecal coliform, oil and grease, suspended solids, BOD, and nutrients.

### Commercial Car and Truck Washes

**SIC: 7542**

**Description:** Facilities include automatic systems found at individual businesses or at gas stations and 24-hour convenience stores, as well as self-service. There are three main types: tunnels, rollovers and hand-held wands. The tunnel wash, the largest, is housed in a long building through which the vehicle is pulled. At a rollover wash the vehicle remains stationary while the equipment passes over. Wands are used at self-serve car washes. Some car washing businesses also sell gasoline.

**Potential Pollutant Generating Sources:** Wash wastewater may contain detergents and waxes. Wastewater should be discharged to sanitary sewers. In self-service operations a drain is located inside each car bay. Although these businesses discharge the wastewater to the sanitary sewer, some washwater can find its way to the storm drain, particularly with the rollover and wand systems. Rollover systems often do not have air-drying. Consequently, as it leaves the enclosure the car sheds water to the pavement. With the self-service system, washwater with detergents can spray outside the building and drain to storm sewer. Users of self-serve operations may also clean engines and change oil, dumping the used oil into the storm drain. Potential pollutants include oil and grease, detergents, soaps, BOD, and TSS.

### Equipment Repair

**SIC: 7353, 7600**

**Description:** This group includes several businesses that specialize in repairing different equipment including communications equipment, radio, TV, household appliances, and refrigeration systems. Also included are businesses that rent or lease heavy construction equipment as miscellaneous repair and maintenance may occur on site.

**Potential Pollutant Generating Sources:** Potential pollutant sources include storage and handling of fuels, waste oils and solvents, and loading/unloading areas. Potential pollutants include oil and grease, low/high pH, and suspended solids.

## **Laundries and Other Cleaning Services**

**SIC: 7211 through 7217**

**Description:** This category includes all types of cleaning services such as laundries, linen suppliers, diaper services, coin-operated laundries and dry cleaners, and carpet and upholstery services. Wet washing may involve the use of acids, bleaches and/or multiple organic solvents. Dry cleaners use an organic-based solvent, although small amounts of water and detergent are sometimes used. Solvents may be recovered and filtered for further use. Carpets and upholstery may be cleaned with dry materials, hot water extraction process, or in-plant processes using solvents followed by a detergent wash.

**Potential Pollutant Generating Sources:** Wash liquids are discharged to sanitary sewers. Stormwater pollutant sources include: loading and unloading of liquid materials, particularly at large commercial operations, disposal of spent solvents and solvent cans, high-use customer parking lots, and outside storage and handling of solvents and waste materials. Potential stormwater contaminants include oil and grease, chlorinated and other solvents, soaps and detergents, low/high pH, and suspended solids.

## **Marinas and Boat Clubs**

**SIC: 7999**

**Description:** Marinas and yacht clubs provide moorage for recreational boats. Marinas may also provide fueling and maintenance services. Other activities include cleaning and painting of boat surfaces, minor boat repair, and pumping of bilges and sanitary holding tanks. Not all marinas have a system to receive pumped bilge water.

**Potential Pollutant Generating Sources:** Both solid and liquid wastes are produced as well as stormwater runoff from high-use customer parking lots. Waste materials include sewage and bilge water. Maintenance by the tenants will produce used oils, oil filters, solvents, waste paints and varnishes, used batteries, and empty contaminated containers and soiled rags. Potential stormwater contaminants include oil and grease, suspended solids, heavy metals, and low/high pH.

## **Golf and Country Clubs**

**SIC: 7992, 7997**

**Description:** Public and private golf courses and parks are included.

**Potential Pollutant Generating Sources:** Maintenance of grassed areas and landscaped vegetation has historically required the use of fertilizers and pesticides. Golf courses contain small lakes that are sometimes treated with algacides and/or mosquito larvicides. The fertilizer and pesticide



application process can lead to inadvertent contamination of nearby surface waters by overuse, misapplication, or the occurrence of storms shortly after application. Heavy watering of surface greens in golf courses may cause pesticides or fertilizers to migrate to surface and shallow ground water resources. The use of pesticides and fertilizers generates waste containers. Equipment must be cleaned and maintained.

### **Miscellaneous Services**

**SIC: 4959, 7260, 7312, 7332, 7333, 7340, 7395, 7641, 7990, 8411**

**Description:** This group includes photographic studios, commercial photography, funeral services, amusement parks, furniture and upholstery repair and pest control services, and other professional offices. Pollutants from these activities can include pesticides, waste solvents, heavy metals, pH, and suspended solids, soaps and detergents, and oil and grease.

**Potential Pollutant Generating Sources:** Leaks and spills of materials from the following businesses can be sources of stormwater pollutants:

1. Building maintenance produces wash and rinse solutions, oils, and solvents.
2. Pest control produces rinsewater with residual pesticides from washing application equipment and empty containers.
3. Outdoor advertising produces photographic chemicals, inks, waste paints, organic paint sludges containing metals.
4. Funeral services produce formalin, formaldehyde, and ammonia.
5. Upholstery and furniture repair businesses produce oil, stripping compounds, wood preservatives and solvents.

### **Professional Services**

**SIC: 6000, 7000 and 8000, 806, 807 not listed elsewhere**

**Description:** The remaining service businesses include theaters, hotels/motels, finance, banking, hospitals, medical/dental laboratories, medical services, nursing homes, schools/universities, and legal, financial and engineering services. Stormwater from parking lots will contain undesirable concentrations of oil and grease, suspended particulates, and metals such as lead, cadmium and zinc. Dangerous wastes might be generated at hospitals, nursing homes and other medical services.

**Potential Pollutant Generating Sources:** The primary concern is runoff from high use parking areas, maintenance shops, and storage and handling of dangerous wastes.

### **Vehicle Maintenance and Repair**

**SIC: 4000, 7530, 7600**

**Description:** This category includes businesses that paint, repair and maintain automobiles, motorcycles, trucks, and buses and battery, radiator,

muffler, lube, tune-up and tire shops, excluding those businesses listed elsewhere in this manual.

**Potential Pollutant Generating Sources:** Pollutant sources include storage and handling of vehicles, solvents, cleaning chemicals, waste materials, vehicle liquids, batteries, and washing and steam cleaning of vehicles, parts, and equipment. Potential pollutants include waste oil, solvents, degreasers, antifreeze, radiator flush, acid solutions with chromium, zinc, copper, lead and cadmium, brake fluid, soiled rags, oil filters, sulfuric acid and battery sludge, and machine chips in residual machining oil.

## **Multi-Family Residences**

**SIC:** *NA*

**Description:** Multifamily residential buildings such as apartments and condominiums. The activities of concern are vehicle parking, vehicle washing and oil changing, minor repairs, and temporary storage of garbage.

**Potential Pollutant Generating Sources:** Stormwater contamination can occur at vehicle parking lots and from washing of vehicles. Runoff from parking lots may contain undesirable concentrations of oil and grease, suspended particulates, and metals such as lead, cadmium, and zinc.

## **Construction Businesses**

**SIC:** *1500, 1600, 1700*

**Description:** This category includes builders of homes, commercial and industrial buildings, and heavy equipment as well as plumbing, painting and paper hanging, carpentry, electrical, roofing and sheet metal, wrecking and demolition, stonework, drywall, and masonry contractors. It does not include construction sites.

**Potential Pollutant Generating Sources:** Potential pollutant sources include leaks/spills of used oils, solvents, paints, batteries, acids, strong acid/alkaline wastes, paint/varnish removers, tars, soaps, coatings, asbestos, lubricants, anti-freeze compounds, litter, and fuels at the headquarters, operation, staging, and maintenance/repair locations of the businesses.

Demolition contractors may store reclaimed material before resale. Roofing contractors generate residual tars and sealing compounds, spent solvents, kerosene, and soap cleaners, as well as non- dangerous waste roofing materials. Sheet metal contractors produce small quantities of acids and solvent cleaners such as kerosene, metal shavings, adhesive residues and enamel coatings, and asbestos residues that have been removed from buildings. Asphalt paving contractors are likely to store application equipment such as dump trucks, pavers, tack coat tankers and pavement rollers at their businesses. Stormwater passing through this equipment may be contaminated by the petroleum residuals. Potential

pollutants include oil and grease, suspended solids, BOD, heavy metals, pH, COD, organic compounds, etc.

## A.5 Public Agency Activities

### Introduction

Local, state, and federal governments conduct many of the pollutant generating activities conducted at business facilities. Local governments include cities and counties, and also single-purpose entities such as fire, sewer and water districts.

### Public Facilities and Streets

**Description:** Included in this group are public buildings. Also included are maintenance (deicing), and repair of streets and roads.

**Potential Pollutant Generating Sources:** Wastes generated include deicing and anti-icing compounds, solvents, paint, acid and alkaline wastes, paint and varnish removers, and debris. Large amounts of scrap materials are also produced throughout the course of construction and street repair. Potential pollutants include suspended solids, oil and grease, and low/high pH.

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### Maintenance of Open Public Space Areas

**Description:** The maintenance of large open spaces that are covered by expanses of grass and landscaped vegetation. Examples are zoos and public cemeteries. Golf courses and parks are covered in Chapter 2.

**Potential Pollutant Generating Sources:** Maintenance of grassed areas and landscaped vegetation has historically required the use of fertilizers and pesticides. Golf courses contain small lakes that are sometimes treated with algaecides and/or mosquito larvicides. The application of pesticides can lead to inadvertent contamination of nearby surface waters by overuse, misapplication, or the occurrence of storms shortly after application. Heavy watering of surface greens in golf courses may cause pesticides or fertilizers to migrate to surface and shallow ground water resources. The application of pesticides and fertilizers generates waste containers. Equipment must be cleaned and maintained. Maintenance shops where the equipment is maintained must comply with the BMPs specified under BMP Maintenance and Repair of Vehicles and Equipment.

## Maintenance of Public Stormwater Pollutant Control Facilities

**Description:** Facilities include roadside catch basins on arterials and within residential areas, conveyance pipes, detention facilities such as ponds and vaults, oil and water separators, biofilters, settling basins, infiltration systems, and all other types of stormwater treatment systems presented in Book 1.

**Potential Pollutant Generating Sources:** Research has shown that roadside catch basins can remove from 5 to 15 percent of the pollutants present in stormwater. However, to be effective they must be cleaned. Research has indicated that once catch basins are about 60 percent full of sediment, they cease removing sediments. Generally in urban areas, catch basins become 60 percent full within 6 to 12 months.

Water and solids produced during the cleaning of stormwater treatment systems, including oil and water separators, can adversely affect both surface and ground water quality if disposed of improperly. Ecology has documented water quality violations and fish kills due to improper disposal of decant water (water that is removed) and catch basin sediments from maintenance activities. Disposal of decant water and solids shall be conducted in accordance with local, state, and federal requirements.

Historically, decant water from trucks has been placed back in the storm drain. Solids have been disposed of in permitted landfills and in unpermitted vacant land including wetlands. Research has shown that these residuals contain pollutants at concentrations that exceed water quality criteria. For example, limited sampling by King County and the Washington Department of Transportation of sediments removed from catch basins in residential and commercial areas has found the petroleum hydrocarbons to frequently exceed 200 mg/gram. Above this concentration, regulations require disposal at a lined landfill.

## Water and Sewer Districts and Departments

**Description:** The maintenance of water and sewer systems can produce residual materials that, if not properly handled, can cause short-term environmental impacts in adjacent surface and/or ground waters. With the exception of a few simple processes, both water and sewage treatment produce residual sludge that must be disposed of properly. However, this activity is controlled by other Ecology regulatory programs and is not discussed in this manual. Larger water and sewer districts or departments may service their own vehicles.

**Potential Pollutant Generating Sources:** Maintenance operations of concern include the cleaning of sewer and water lines, and water reservoirs, general activities around treatment plants, disposal of sludge, and the temporary shutdown of pump stations for either normal maintenance or emergencies. During the maintenance of water

transmission lines and reservoirs, water district/departments must dispose of wastewater, both when the line or reservoir is initially emptied, as well as when it is cleaned and then sanitized. Sanitation requires chlorine concentrations of 25 to 100 ppm, considerably above the normal concentration used to chlorinate drinking water. These waters are discharged to sanitary sewers where available.

However, transmission lines from remote water supply sources often pass through both rural and urban-fringe areas where sanitary sewers are not available. In these areas, chlorinated water may have to be discharged to a nearby stream or storm drain, particularly since the emptying of a pipe section occurs at low points that frequently exist at stream crossings. Although prior to disposal the water is dechlorinated using sodium thiosulfate or a comparable chemical, malfunctioning of the dechlorination system can kill fish and other aquatic life. The drainage from reservoirs located in unsewered areas is conveyed to storm drains. The cleaning of sewer lines and manholes generates sediments. These sediments contain both inorganic and organic materials are odorous and contaminated with microorganisms and heavy metals. Activities around sewage treatment plants can be a source of non-point pollution. Besides the normal runoff of stormwater from paved surfaces, grit removed from the headworks of the plant is stored temporarily in dumpsters that may be exposed to the elements. Maintenance and repair shops may produce waste paints, used oil, cleaning solvents, and soiled rags.

## **Port Districts**

**Description:** The port districts considered here include the following business activities: recreational boat marinas and launch ramps, airfields, container trans-shipment, bulk material import/export including farm products, lumber, logs, alumina, and cement; and break-bulk (piece) material such as machinery, equipment, and scrap metals. Port districts frequently have tenants whose activities are not marine-dependent.

**Potential Pollutant Generating Sources:** Marine terminals require extensive use of mobile equipment that may drip liquids. Waste materials associated with containers/vehicle/equipment washing/steam cleaning, maintenance and repair may be generated at a marine terminal. Debris can accumulate in loading/unloading or open storage areas, providing a source of stormwater contamination. Wooden debris from the crating of piece cargo crushed by passing mobile loading equipment leaches soluble pollutants when in contact with pooled stormwater. Log sorting yards produce large quantities of bark that can be a source of suspended solids and leached pollutants. Potential pollutants include oil and grease, TSS, heavy metals, and organics.



## Stormwater Pollutants and Their Adverse Impact

The stormwater pollutants of most concern are total suspended solids (TSS), oil and grease, nutrients, pesticides, other organics, pathogens, biochemical oxygen demand (BOD), heavy metals, and salts (chlorides) (USEPA, 1995, Field and Pitt, 1997, Strecker, et.al., 1997).

### Total Suspended Solids

This represents particulate solids such as eroded soil, heavy metal precipitates, and biological solids (all considered as conventional pollutants), which can cause sedimentation in streams and turbidity in receiving surface waters. These sediments can destroy the desired habitat for fish and can impact drinking water supplies. The sediment may be carried to streams, lakes, or Puget Sound where they may be toxic to aquatic life and make dredging necessary.

### Oil and Grease

Oil and grease can be toxic to aquatic life. Concentrations in stormwater from commercial and industrial areas often exceed the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) guidelines of: 10 mg/l maximum daily average, 15 mg/L maximum at any time, and no ongoing or frequently recurring visible sheen.

### Nutrients

Phosphorus and nitrogen compounds can cause excessive growth of aquatic vegetation in lakes and marine waters.

### BOD

Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD) is a measure of the oxygen demand from organic, nitrogenous, and other materials that are consumed by bacteria present in receiving waters. BOD in the water may deplete oxygen in the process, threatening higher organisms such as fish.

### Toxic Organics

A study found 19 of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's 121 priority pollutants present in the runoff from Seattle streets. The most frequently detected pollutants were pesticides, phenols, phthalates, and polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs).

### Heavy Metals

Stormwater can contain heavy metals such as lead, zinc, cadmium, and copper at concentrations that often exceed water quality criteria and that can be toxic to fish and other aquatic life. Research in Puget Sound has shown that metals and toxic organics concentrate in sediments and at the water surface (microlayer) where they interfere with the reproductive cycle of many biotic species as well as cause tumors and lesions in fish.

## **pH**

A measure of the alkalinity or acidity that can be toxic to fish if it varies appreciably from neutral pH, which is 7.0.

## **Bacteria and Viruses**

Stormwater can contain disease-causing bacteria and viruses, although not at concentrations found in sanitary sewage. Shellfish subjected to stormwater discharges near urban areas are usually unsafe for human consumption.

Research has shown that the concentrations of pollutants in stormwater from residential, commercial, and industrial areas can exceed Ecology's water quality standards and guidelines.



## Recycling/Disposal of Vehicle Fluids/Other Wastes\*

	RECOMMENDED MANAGEMENT
<b>Antifreeze</b>	Store separately for resale. Separate ethylene glycol from propylene glycol for off-site recycling. If not recyclable, send to Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facility (TSDF) for disposal.
<b>Batteries</b>	INTACT: Accumulate under cover prior to sale, deliver to recycler, or return to manufacturer. BROKEN: Accumulate acid from broken batteries in resistant containers with secondary containment. Send to TSDF for disposal.
<b>Brake fluid</b>	Accumulate in separate, marked, closed container. Do not mix with waste oil. Recycle.
<b>Fuel</b>	Store gasoline, and diesel separately for use or resale. Mixtures of diesel, gasoline, oil, and other fluids may not be recyclable and may require expensive disposal.
<b>Fuel filters</b>	Drain fluids for use as product. With approval of local landfill operator, dispose to dumpster, if needed.
<b>Oil filters</b>	Puncture the filter dome and drain it for 24 hours. Put oil drained from filters into a "USED OIL ONLY" container. Keep drained filters in a separate container marked "USED OIL FILTERS ONLY." Locate a scrap metal dealer who will pick up and recycle filters. With approval of local landfill operator, dispose of drained filters to dumpster.
<b>Paint</b>	Accumulate oil-based and water-based paints separately for use or resale. If not recyclable, send accumulations to TSDF for disposal.
<b>Power steering fluid</b>	Same as for used oils
<b>Shop towels/oily rags</b>	Use cloth towels that can be laundered and reused. Accumulate used shop towels in a closed container. Sign up with an industrial laundry service that can recycle towels.
<b>Solvents</b>	Consider using less hazardous solvents or switching to a spray cabinet that doesn't use solvent. Accumulate solvents separately. Consider purchasing a solvent still and recycling solvent on site. Do not mix with used oil. Do not evaporate as a means of disposal.
<b>Transmission oil, differential and rear end fluids</b>	Accumulate in a "USED OIL ONLY" container. Arrange for pickup for off-site recycling.
<b>Used oils; including, crankcase oil, transmission oil, power steering fluid and differential/rear end oil</b>	Keep used oil in a separate container marked "USED OIL ONLY." Do not mix with brake fluid, or used antifreeze. Do not mix with any other waste if burning for heating. Arrange for pickup for off-site recycling.
<b>Windshield washer fluid</b>	Accumulate separately for use or resale. Discharge to on-site sewage disposal, or, if acceptable by the local sewer authority, discharge to sanitary sewer.

\* Ecology's Hazardous Waste Program developed this information. The Hazardous Waste Service Directory is now available online at: <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Guidance-technical-assistance/Dangerous-waste-guidance/Dispose-recycle-or-treat/Hiring-a-contractor>



## NPDES Stormwater Discharge Permits

### Summary:

The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit (NPDES) regulations for stormwater (40 CFR Parts 122, 123, and 124) became effective on November 16, 1990. Because Washington is an NPDES delegated state, it issues NPDES permits for designated industries, construction sites, and municipalities.

### Industrial Stormwater Permits:

USEPA regulations list certain industrial activities (Reference: 40 CFR 122.26(b)(14)) which may need to have a stormwater discharge permit. The following categories (1 through 10) of facilities are considered to be engaging in "industrial activity." They are required by EPA to have a stormwater NPDES permit if they have a stormwater discharge to surface water.

- 1) Facilities subject to stormwater effluent limitations guidelines, new source performance standards, or toxic pollutant effluent standards under 40 CFR subchapter N (except facilities with toxic pollutant effluent standards under category 11 below).
- 2) Facilities classified by the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) system as:
  - 24 - Lumber and Wood Products except Furniture (except 2434-Wood Kitchen Cabinets)
  - 26 - Paper and Allied Products (except 265-Paperboard Containers and Boxes, and except 267-Converted Paper and Paperboard Products except Containers and Boxes)
  - 28 - Chemicals and Allied Products (except 283-Drugs; and 285-Paints, Varnishes, Lacquers, Enamels, and Allied Products)
  - 29 - Petroleum Refining and Related Industries
  - 311- Leather Tanning and Finishing
  - 32 - Stone, Clay, Glass and Concrete Products (except 323-Glass Products, made of Purchased Glass)
  - 33 - Primary Metal Industries
  - 3441 - Fabricated Structural Metal Products
  - 373- Ship and Boat Building and Repair

- 3) Facilities classified by the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) system as:
- 10 - Metal Mining
  - 12 - Coal Mining
  - 13 - Oil and Gas Extraction
  - 14 - Mining and Quarrying of Nonmetallic Minerals, except Fuels (Includes active or inactive mining operations (except for areas of coal mining operations no longer meeting the definition of a reclamation area under 40 CFR 434.11(1) or except for areas of non-coal mining operations which have been released from applicable state or federal reclamation requirements by December 17, 1990) and oil and gas exploration, production, processing or treatment operations, or transmission facilities that discharge storm water that has come into contact with any overburden, raw material, intermediate products, finished products, byproducts or waste products located on the site of such operation.
- 4) Dangerous waste treatment, storage, or disposal facilities, including those that are operated under interim status or a permit under subtitle C of RCRA.
- 5) Landfills, land application sites and open dumps that receive or have received any industrial wastes (waste that is received from any of the facilities described under this subsection) including those that are subject to regulation under subtitle D of RCRA.
- 6) Facilities involved in the recycling of materials including metal scrap yards, battery reclaimers, salvage yards and automobile junkyards, including but not limited to those classified as SIC 5015-Wholesale Trade Activities of Motor Vehicle Parts, Used; and SIC 5093-Scrap and Waste Materials.
- 7) Steam electric power generating facilities, including coal-handling sites.
- 8) Transportation facilities classified under the following SIC codes, which have vehicle maintenance shops, equipment-cleaning operations, and airport deicing operations.
- 40 - Railroad Transportation
  - 41 - Local and Suburban Transit and Interurban Highway Passenger Transportation
  - 42 - Motor Freight Transportation and Warehousing (except 4221-Farm Product Warehousing and Storage, 4222-Refrigerated Warehousing and Storage, and 4225-General Warehousing and Storage)

- 43 - United States Postal Service
- 44 - Water Transportation
- 45 - Transportation by Air
- 5171- Petroleum Bulk Stations and Terminals
- 9) Treatment works treating domestic sewage or any other sewage sludge or wastewater treatment device or system, used in the storage treatment, recycling, and reclamation of municipal or domestic sewage, including land dedicated to the disposal of sewage sludge that are located within the confines of the facility, with a design flow of 1.0 MGD or more, or required to have an approved pretreatment program under 40 CFR part 403. Not included are farm lands, domestic gardens or lands used for sludge management where sludge is beneficially reused and which are not physically located in the confines of the facility, or areas that are in compliance with Section 405 of the Clean Water Act.
- 10) Construction activity including clearing, grading and excavation activities except: operations that result in the disturbance of less than one acre of total land area which are not part of a larger common plan of development or sale. (See “Construction Stormwater Permits” below)
- 11) Facilities under the following SIC classifications need to apply for a stormwater NPDES permit only if they are engaged in an “industrial activity” which is exposed to stormwater and they have a point source stormwater discharge to surface water.
  - 20 - Food and Kindred Products
  - 21 - Tobacco Products
  - 22 - Textile Mill Products
  - 23 - Apparel and Other Finished Products made from Fabrics and Similar Materials Wood Kitchen Cabinets
  - 25 - Furniture and Fixtures
  - 265 - Paperboard Containers and Boxes
  - 267 - Converted Paper and Paperboard Products, Except Containers and Boxes
  - 27 - Printing, Publishing and Allied Industries
  - 283 - Drugs
  - 285 - Paints, Varnishes, Lacquers, Enamels, and Allied Products
  - 30 - Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastic Products
  - 31 - Leather and Leather Products (except 311, Leather Tanning and Finishing)

- 323 - Glass Products made of Purchased Glass
- 34 - Fabricated Metal Products, Except Machinery and Transportation Equipment (except 3441, Fabricated Structural Metal Products)
- 35 - Industrial and Commercial Machinery and Computer Equipment
- 36 - Electronic and Other Electrical Equipment and Components, Except Computer Equipment
- 37 - Transportation Equipment (except 373, Ship and Boat Building and Repair)
- 38 - Measuring, Analyzing, and Controlling Instruments, Photographic, Medical and Optical Goods, Watches and Clocks
- 39 - Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries
- 4221 - Farm Product Warehousing and Storage
- 4222 - Refrigerated Warehousing and Storage
- 4225 - General Warehousing and Storage

For the industries identified in SIC categories (1) through (10), a permit is necessary if there is a point source stormwater discharge to a surface water, storm drain which discharges to surface water directly or indirectly, or a municipal storm sewer from any of the following areas of industrial activity: industrial plant yards; immediate access roads and rail lines used or traveled by carriers of raw materials, manufactured products, waste material, or by-products used or created by the facility; material handling sites; refuse sites; sites used for the application or disposal of process waste waters (as defined at 40 CFR part 401); sites used for the storage and maintenance of material handling equipment; sites used for residual treatment, storage, or disposal; shipping and receiving areas; manufacturing buildings; storage areas (including tank farms) for raw materials, and intermediate and finished products; and areas where industrial activity has taken place in the past and significant materials remain and are exposed to storm water.

Industries in Categories 1 through 9 can submit an application and qualify for a Conditional “No Exposure” Certificate.

For the industries identified in SIC category (11), a permit is required for point source discharges from any of the areas that are listed above (except access roads and rail lines of SIC category 11 industries), only if material handling equipment or activities, raw materials, intermediate products, final products, waste materials, by-products, or industrial machinery are exposed to stormwater. However, they must submit a “No Exposure” Certificate to be excused from the permit.

### ***How and When Do I Apply for A Permit?***

Three types of permits are possible. Each has a different application process.

- **General Permit for Industrial Activities:** An application for coverage under the Industrial Stormwater General Permit, referred to as a Notice of Intent (NOI), must be submitted to Ecology.
- **Individual Permit:** An industrial facility that is required to have a stormwater permit may volunteer or be required to apply for an individual permit. An individual permit is a permit that is written for and issued to a specific facility. EPA regulations require that industries not covered under a general permit must apply for an individual stormwater permit. Individual permit applicants for discharges composed entirely of stormwater, must comply with 40 CFR 122.21, and complete EPA forms 1 and 2F. Ecology is prepared to issue individual permits for facilities not already under permit only for exceptional circumstances.
- **Industry-Specific General Permits:** Ecology will consider development of industry-specific general permits, as needed. An industry-specific permit is a permit that can apply to all industries of a similar type. Examples of industry-specific general permits that include stormwater are Sand and Gravel, and Boatyards.

### ***What Does the Industrial Stormwater General Permit Require Industries to Do?***

- The development of an Industrial Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) by each industry is a key Permit requirement. The Industrial SWPPP requirements include:
  - Identifying the potential sources of pollutants that may contaminate stormwater.
  - A description and implementation of operational and structural source control BMPs to reduce the stormwater pollutants and comply with the stormwater general permit.
  - The permit also includes requirements for:
    - Effluent limitations for certain types of industrial facilities, and certain discharges to 303(d) impaired waterbodies;
    - Monitoring: All facilities are required to conduct quarterly monitoring and sampling. There are additional monitoring requirements for certain, identified industry groups;
    - Application of additional source control and treatment BMPs to control pollutants further if certain “benchmark” levels of pollutants, as identified in the permit, are exceeded;
    - Reporting and Recordkeeping;
    - Operation and Maintenance

### ***Municipalities May Have To Apply for an Industrial Stormwater Permit or Other General Permit***

- Some municipalities own or operate an “industrial activity.” If that industrial activity has a stormwater discharge to surface waters or storm drains tributary to surface waters, the municipality must apply for the Industrial Stormwater General Permit (or applicable industry-specific general permit, e.g., Sand & Gravel General Permit, Boatyard General Permit, etc.) unless the site qualifies for a Conditional “No Exposure” Certificate. In the latter case, a “no exposure” application form should be submitted.

Examples of industrial activities conducted by municipalities include, but may not be limited to: sand and gravel mining; crushed and broken stone operations; rip rap mining and quarrying; landfills, recycling facilities, land application sites, and open dumps that receive or have received industrial waste; transportation facilities which have vehicle maintenance shops; equipment cleaning; airport de-icing operations; and sewage treatment plants with a design flow above one million gallons per day; and power plants.

## **Construction Stormwater Permits**

Construction sites that will disturb one acre or more and will have a discharge of stormwater from the project site to surface water must apply for Ecology's Construction Stormwater General Permit. The permit requires application of stabilization and structural practices to reduce the potential for erosion and the discharge of sediments from the site. The stabilization and structural practices cited in the permit are similar to the minimum requirements for sedimentation and erosion control in Book 1; refer to the Construction Stormwater General Permit for specific requirements.

## **Municipal Stormwater Permits**

### ***NPDES Permit Program for Municipal Stormwater Discharges***

**Phase I.** Ecology has issued stormwater discharge general permits to the cities of Seattle and Tacoma; the counties of King, Pierce, Clark, and Snohomish; and the discharges from state highways managed by the Department of Transportation within those jurisdictions. These permits contain conditions for compliance with both federal and state requirements and are issued as combined NPDES and State Wastewater Discharge Permits. Ecology reissued the Phase I general permit in 2007 and plans to reissue the permits every five to six years.

**Phase II.** The EPA adopted Phase II stormwater regulations in December 1999. Those rules identify additional municipalities as subject to NPDES municipal stormwater permitting requirements. Over 100 municipalities in



Washington are subject to the requirements. Federal regulations required issuance of Phase II permits by December 2002, and required the Phase II communities to submit their stormwater programs to comply with permit requirements by March 2003. Ecology issued the Phase II permits for Eastern Washington and Western Washington in 2007 and plans to reissue the permits every five to six years.



## Recommendations for Management of Street Wastes

### Introduction

This appendix addresses waste generated from stormwater maintenance activities such as street sweeping and the cleaning of catch basins, and to a limited extent, other stormwater conveyance and treatment facilities. Limited information is available on the characteristics of wastes from detention/retention ponds, bioswales, and similar stormwater treatment facilities. The recommendations provided here may be generally applicable to these facilities, with extra diligence given to waste characterization.

These recommendations do not constitute rules or regulations, but are suggestions for street waste handling, reuse, and disposal using current regulations and the present state of knowledge of street waste constituents. The recommendations address the liquid and solid wastes collected during routine maintenance of stormwater catch basins, detention/retention ponds, ditches and similar storm water treatment and conveyance structures, and street and parking lot sweeping. In addition to these recommendations, end users and other authorities may have their own requirements for street waste reuse and handling.

**"Street Wastes"** include liquid and solid wastes collected during maintenance of stormwater catch basins, detention/retention ponds, ditches and similar storm water treatment and conveyance structures, and solid wastes collected during street and parking lot sweeping.

**"Street Wastes," as defined here, does not include** solids and liquids from street washing using detergents, cleaning of electrical vaults, vehicle wash sediment traps, restaurant grease traps, industrial process waste, sanitary sewage, mixed process, or combined sewage/stormwater wastes. Wastes from oil/water separators at sites that load fuel are not included as street waste. Street waste also does not include flood debris, land-slide debris, and chip seal gravel.

**Street waste does not ordinarily classify as dangerous waste.** The owner of the storm water facility and/or collector of street waste is considered the waste generator and is responsible for determining whether the waste designates as dangerous waste. Sampling to date has shown that material from routine maintenance of streets and stormwater facilities does not classify as dangerous waste (See [Table E.6](#) below). However, it is possible that street waste from spill sites could classify as dangerous waste. Street waste from areas with exceptionally high average daily traffic counts may contain contaminants - such as heavy metals, total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH), and carcinogenic polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (c-PAH) - at levels that limit reuse options.

## Contamination in Street Waste Solids

**Street waste is solid waste.** While street waste from normal street and highway maintenance is not dangerous waste, it is solid waste, as defined under The Solid Waste Management Act ([Chapter 70.95 RCW](#)) and under the Solid Waste Handling Standards ([Chapter 173-350 WAC](#)). The Solid Waste Management Act gives local health departments primary jurisdiction over solid waste management. Street waste solids may contain contaminants at levels too high to allow unrestricted reuse. There are no specific references in the Solid Waste Handling Standards to facilities managing street waste solids although these facilities typically fit under the section dealing with Piles Used for Storage and Treatment (Section 320). There are no specific references for reuse and disposal options for street wastes in the Solid Waste Handling Standards because they do not apply to clean soils. Clean soils are defined as “soils and dredged material which are not dangerous wastes, contaminated soils, or contaminated dredged material ...” ([WAC 173-350-100](#)). Whether or not a soil is a clean soil depends primarily upon the level of contaminants and, to a lesser degree, on the background level of contaminants at a particular location and the exposure potential to humans or other living organisms. Therefore, evaluate both the soil and potential land application sites to determine if a soil is a clean soil.

There is no simple regulatory mechanism available to classify street waste solids for uncontrolled reuse or disposal. Street wastes are defined simply as solid waste. Local health districts have historically used the Model Toxics Control Act Cleanup Regulation (MTCA) Method A residential soil cleanup levels to approximate "clean" and to make decisions on land application proposals. The MTCA regulation is not intended to be directly applied to setting contaminant concentration levels for land application proposals. However, they may provide human health and environmental threat information and a useful framework for such decisions, when used in conjunction with other health and environmental considerations. In addition to MTCA, Ecological Soil Screening Levels from EPA, ODEQ Risk-based concentrations, Toxicological benchmarks from Oak Ridge National Labs, and natural background levels can be considered. Contact the local health department to determine local requirements for making this determination.

Using the old MTCA regulations, many local health departments have set criterion of 200 mg/Kg Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TPH) for diesel and heavy fuel oils as a threshold level for clean soil. Using the new MTCA terrestrial ecological evaluation procedures, allowable TPH levels for land application could range from 200 – 460, depending on site characteristics and intended land use. Street waste sampling has historically yielded TPH values higher than 200 mg/kg for hydrocarbons in the diesel and heavy oil range. These values typically reflect interference from natural organic material and, to a lesser extent, relatively immobile petroleum

hydrocarbons. The mobile hydrocarbons that are of concern for ground water protection are generally not retained with street waste solids. Ecology's Manchester Lab has developed an analytical method to reduce the problem of natural organic material being included in the TPH analysis for diesel and heavier range hydrocarbons. This method, called NWTPH-Dx, reduces the background interference associated with vegetative matter by as much as 85% to 95%. However, even with the new methodology, TPH test results for street waste may still be biased by the presence of natural vegetative material and may still exceed 200 mg/kg. Where the laboratory results report no 'fingerprint' or chromatographic match to known petroleum hydrocarbons, the soils should not be considered to be petroleum contaminated soils. [Table E.1](#) lists Typical TPH levels in street sweeping and catch basin solids.

**Table E.1 - Typical TPH Levels in Street Sweeping and Catch Basin Solids**

Reference:	Street Sweeping (mg/kg)	Catch Basin Solid (mg/kg)
Snohomish County (1) (Landau 1995)	390 – 4300	
King County (1) (Herrera 1995)		123 – 11049 (Median 1036)
Snohomish County & Selected Cities (1) (W & H Pacific, 1993)	163 - 1500 (Median 760)	163 – 1562 (Median 760)
City of Portland (2)) (Bresch)		MDL – 1830 (Median – 208)
City of Seattle – Diesel Range(2) (Hererra 2009)	330-520	780-1700
City of Seattle – Motor Oil(2) (Herrera 2009)	2000-2800	3500-7000
Oregon (1) (Collins; ODOT 1998)	1600 – 2380	
Oregon (3) (Collins; ODOT 1998)	98 - 125	

- (1) Method WTPH 418.1; does not incorporate new methods to reduce background interference due to vegetative material  
 (2) Method NWTPH-Dx  
 (3) Method WTPH – HCID

Street waste solids frequently contain levels of carcinogenic PAHs (c-PAH) that make unrestricted use inappropriate. This is complicated further by analytical interference caused by organic matter that raises practical quantitation or reporting limits. To greatly reduce the level of interference, the use of US EPA Test Method 8270, incorporating the silica gel cleanup step, is recommended. The calculated c-PAH value can vary greatly depending upon how non-detect values are handled. The new MTCA

Method A criterion for c-PAH is 0.1 mg/kg (the sum of all seven c-PAH parameters multiplied by the appropriate toxicity equivalency factor)) for unrestricted land uses. The MTCA criteria for soil cleanup levels for industrial properties is 2.0 mg/kg. Following this guidance, most sites where street wastes could be reused as soil will be commercial or industrial sites, or sites where public exposure will be limited or prevented. See [Table E.2](#) for typical c-PAH values in Street Waste Solids and Related Materials. See [Table E.3](#) for typical metals concentrations in Catch Basin Sediments.

**Table E.2 - Typical c-PAH Values in Street Waste Solids and Related Materials**

Sample Source Analyte	City of Everett					WSDOT	
	Street Sweepings	Soil	3-Way Topsoil	Vactor Solids	Leaf & Sand	Sweepings – Fresh	Sweepings Weathered
Benzo(a)anthracene	0.1U	0.076U	0.074U	0.21	0.45	0.56	0.40
Chrysene	0.14	0.09	0.074U	0.32	0.53	0.35	0.35
Benzo(b)fluoranthene	0.11	0.076U	0.074U	0.27	0.52	0.43	0.51
Benzo(k)fluoranthene	0.13	0.076U	0.074U	0.25	0.38	0.39	0.40
Benzo(a)pyrene	0.13	0.076U	0.074U	0.26	0.5	0.41	0.33U
Indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene	0.1U	0.076U	0.074U	0.19	0.39	NR	NR
Dibenzo(a,h)anthracene	0.1U	0.076U	0.074U	0.081	0.12	0.39	0.33U
Revised MTCA Benzo(a)pyrene [ND=PQL]	0.215	0.134	0.134	0.388	0.727	0.708	0.597
Benzo(a)pyrene [ND=1/2 PQL]	0.185	0.069	0.067	0.388	0.727	0.708	0.366
Benzo(a)pyrene [See * below]	0.185	0.069	0	0.388	0.727	0.708	0.366
Benzo(a)pyrene [ND=0]	0.155	0.001	0	0.388	0.727	0.708	0.135

\*If the analyte was not detected for any PAH, then ND=0; If analyte was detected in at least 1 PAH, then ND=1/2PQL; If the average concentration (using ND=1/2 PQL) is greater than the maximum detected value, then ND=Maximum value.

The new Method A soil cleanup level for unrestricted land use is 0.1 mg/Kg for BAP. ([WAC 173-340-900](#), Table 740-1)

The new Method A soil cleanup level for industrial properties is 2 mg/Kg for BAP. ([WAC 173-340-900](#), Table 745-1)

Table E.3 - Typical Metals Concentrations in Catch Basin Sediments

PARAMETER	Ecology 1993	Thurston 1993	King County 1995	King County 1995	City of Seattle 2003 through 2011
METALS; TOTAL (mg/kg)	(Min – Max)	(Min – Max)	(Min - Max)	Mean	Min- Max (Mean)
As	<3 -- 24	.39 -- 5.4	4 – 56	0.250	<5 – 50 (9.3)
Cd	0.5 -- 2.0	< 0.22 -- 4.9	0.2 – 5.0	0.5	
Cr	19 -- 241	5.9 -- 71	13 - 100	25.8	
Cu	18 -- 560	25 -- 110	12 - 730	29	9.1 - 3,280 (166)
Pb	24 -- 194	42 -- 640	4 – 850	80	3 - 3,690 (154)
Ni	33 -- 86	23 -- 51	14 – 41	23	
Zn	90 -- 558	97 -- 580	50 – 2000	130	44 - 4,170 (479)
Hg	.04 -- .16	.024 -- .193			<0.03 - 3.8 (0.16)

**Permitting of street waste treatment and storage facilities as solid waste handling facilities by the local health department is required.**

Under the Solid Waste Management Act, local health departments have primary jurisdiction over solid waste management.

Street waste handling facilities are subject to the requirements of the Solid Waste Handling Standards. Specific requirements depend upon the manner in which the waste is managed. Most facilities are permitted under the section dealing with Piles Used for Storage and Treatment (Section 320).

For most facilities, permit requirements include a plan of operation, sampling, record keeping and reporting, inspections, and compliance with other state and local requirements. The plan of operation should include a procedure for characterization of the waste and appropriate reuse and disposal options, consistent with the recommendations in this document and applicable federal, State and local requirements.

**Ecology suggests a street waste site evaluation (see sample at end of this appendix) for all street waste as a method to identify spill sites or locations that are more polluted than normal.** Ecology based the disposal and reuse options listed below on characteristics of routine street waste and are not appropriate for more polluted wastes. The collector of street waste should evaluate it for its potential to be classified as dangerous waste. The collector should also be aware that this waste may not meet end users requirements.

**Street waste suspected to be dangerous waste should not be collected with other street waste.** Material in catch basins with obvious contamination (unusual color, staining, corrosion, unusual odors, fumes, and oily sheen) should be left in place or segregated until tested. Base testing activities on probable contaminants. Street waste suspected to be

dangerous waste should be collected and handled by someone experienced in handling dangerous waste. If collecting potential dangerous waste because of emergency conditions, or if the waste becomes suspect after it is collected, it should be handled and stored separately until a determination as to proper disposal is made. Street waste treatment and storage facilities should have separate "hot load" storage areas for such waste. **Dangerous Waste** includes street waste known or suspected to be dangerous waste. This waste must be handled following the Dangerous Waste Regulations ([Chapter 173-303 WAC](#)) unless testing determines it is not dangerous waste.

**Spills should be handled by trained specialists.** Public works maintenance crews and private operators conducting street sweeping or cleaning catch basins should have written policies and procedures for dealing with spills or suspected spill materials. Emergency Spill Response telephone numbers should be immediately available as part of these operating policies and procedures.

**The end recipient of street waste must be informed of its source and may have additional requirements for its use or testing that are not listed here.** This document is based primarily on average street waste's chemical constituents and their potential effect on human health and the environment. There are physical constituents (for example, broken glass or hypodermic needles) or characteristics (for example, fine grain size) that could also limit reuse options. Additional treatment such as drying, sorting, or screening may also be required, depending on the needs and requirements of the end user.

**Street waste treatment and storage facilities owned or operated by governmental agencies should be made available to private waste collectors and other governmental agencies on a cost recovery basis.** Proper street waste collection and disposal reduces the amount of waste released to the environment. The operators of street waste facilities should restrict the use of their facilities to certified and/or licensed waste collectors who meet their training and liability requirements.

**The use of street waste solids under this guidance should not lead to designation as a dangerous waste site, requiring cleanup under MTCA.** Exceeding MTCA Method A unrestricted land use cleanup levels in street waste and products made from street waste, does not automatically make the site where street waste is reused a cleanup site. A site is reportable only if "-a release poses a threat to human health or the environment-" (Model Toxic Control Act). The reuse options proposed below are designed to meet the condition of not posing a threat to human health or the environment.

**Testing of street waste solids will generally be required as part of a plan of operation that includes procedures for characterization of the waste.** Testing frequency, numbers of samples, parameters to be analyzed,



and contaminant limit criteria should all be provided as part of an approved plan of operation. However, street sweepings that consist primarily of leaves, pine needles, branches, and grass clippings do not require testing. [Tables E.4](#) and [E.5](#) below provide some recommended parameters and sampling frequencies for piles of street waste solids from routine street maintenance. These are provided as guidance only, and are intended to assist the utility and the local health department in determining appropriate requirements. Sampling requirements may be modified, over time, based on accumulated data. When the material is from a street waste facility or an area that has never been characterized by testing, the test should be conducted on a representative sample before co-mingling with other material. Testing in these instances would be to demonstrate that the waste does not designate as dangerous waste and to characterize the waste for reuse. At a minimum, the parameters in [Table E.4](#) are recommended for these cases. Note that it will generally not be necessary to conduct TCLP analyses when the observed values do not exceed the recommended values in [Table E.4](#). [Table E.6](#) illustrates some observed relationships between total metals and TCLP metals values.

For further information on testing methods and sampling plans, refer to:

- SW 846 (US EPA, Office of Solid Waste, Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Wastes, 3rd Ed.) and
- Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater (American Public Health Association, et al., 18th Edition 1992)

**Table E.4 - Recommended Parameters and Suggested Values for Determining Reuse & Disposal Options**

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Suggested Maximum Value</b>
Arsenic, Total	20.0 mg/kg (a)
Cadmium, Total	2.0 mg/kg (b)
Chromium, Total	42 mg/kg (c)
Copper, Total	100 mg/kg (c)
Lead, total	250 mg/kg (d)
Nickel	100 mg/kg (e)
Zinc	270 mg/kg (e)
Mercury (Inorganic)	2.0 mg/kg (f)
PAHs (Carcinogenic)	0.1 – 2.0 mg/kg (see Note at (g) below)
TPH (Heavy Fuel Oil)	2,000 mg/kg (see Note at (h) below)
TPH (Diesel)	200 mg/kg (see Note at (i) below)
TPH (Gasoline)	100 mg/kg (j)
Benzene	0.03 mg/kg (j)
Ethylbenzene	6 mg/kg (j)
Toluene	7 mg/kg (j)
Xylenes (Total)	9 mg/kg (j)

- (a) Arsenic: from MTCA Method A - Table 740-1: Soil cleanup levels for unrestricted land uses  
(b) Cadmium: from MTCA Method A – Table 740-1: Soil cleanup levels for unrestricted land uses.  
(c) Chromium; from MTCA Method A - Table 740-1: Soil cleanup levels for unrestricted land uses  
(d) Lead; from MTCA Method A – Table 740-1: Soil cleanup levels for unrestricted land uses  
(e) Nickel and Zinc; from MTCA Table 749-2: Protection of Terrestrial Plants and Animals  
(f) Mercury; from MTCA Method A – Table 740-1: Soil cleanup levels for unrestricted land uses  
(g) PAH-Carcinogenic; from MTCA Method A – Table 740-1: Soil cleanup levels for unrestricted land uses and Table 745-1, industrial properties, based on cancer risk via direct contact with contaminated soil (ingestion of soil) in residential land use situations and commercial/industrial land uses. Note: The local health department may permit higher levels as part of a Plan of Operation, where they determine that the proposed end use poses little risk of direct human contact or ingestion of soil.  
(h) TPH (Heavy Fuel Oil); from MTCA Method A – Table 740-1: Soil cleanup levels for unrestricted land uses  
(i) TPH (Diesel): from MTCA Table 749-3: Protection of Terrestrial Plants and Animals..  
(j) BETX; from MTCA Method A - Table 740-1: Soil cleanup levels for unrestricted land uses.

**Table E.5 - Recommended Sampling Frequency for Street Waste Solids**

<b>Cubic Yards of Solids</b>	<b>Minimum Number of Samples</b>
0 – 100	3
101 – 500	5
501 – 1000	7
1001 – 2000	10
>2000	10 + 1 for each additional 500 cubic yards

*Modified from Ecology's Interim Compost Guidelines*

Table E.6 - Pollutants in Catch Basin Solids – Comparison to Dangerous Waste Criteria

PARAMETER	Range of Values in Catch Basin Waste	Range of Values in Catch Basin Waste	Dangerous Waste Criteria
METALS	Total Metals (mg/kg)	TCLP Metals (mg/kg)	TCLP values (mg/l)
As	<3 - 56	< .02 - 0 .5	5.0
Cd	<.22 - 5	.0002 - .03	1.0
Cr	5.9 - 241	.0025 - .1	5.0
Cu	12 - 730	.002 -- .88	none
Pb	4 - 850	.015 -- 3.8	5.0
Ni	23 - 86	< .01 -- .36	none
Zn	50 - 2000	.04 -- 6.7	none
Hg	.02 - .19	.0001 -- .0002	0.2

Data from Thurston County (Thurston County 1993), King County (Herrera 1995) and Ecology (Serdar; Ecology 1993).

**For street waste not exceeding the suggested maximum values in [Table E.4](#), Ecology recommends the following street waste solids reuse and disposal options:**

- Compost street sweepings that consist primarily of leaves, pine needles and branches, and grass cuttings from mowing grassy swales. Remove litter and other foreign material prior to composting or the composting facility must provide for such removal as part of the process. Dispose of the screened trash is solid waste at an appropriate solid waste handling facility.
- It is possible to reuse coarse sand screened from street sweeping after recent road sanding, for street sanding, providing there is no obvious contamination from spills. The screened trash is solid waste and must be disposed of at an appropriate solid waste handling facility.
- Screen roadside ditch cleanings, not contaminated by a spill or other release and not associated with a stormwater treatment system such as a bioswale, to remove litter and separate into soil and vegetative matter (leaves, grass, needles, branches, etc.). The soils from these activities are typically unregulated as solid waste. Ditching material that may be contaminated must be stored, tested, and handled in the same manner as other street waste solids. It is the generator's responsibility to visually inspect and otherwise determine whether the materials may be contaminated.
- Construction street wastes; solids collected from sweeping or in storm water treatment systems at active construction sites - may be placed back onto the site that generated it, or managed by one on the methods

listed below, provided that it has not been contaminated as a result of a spill. For concrete handling at construction site, refer to BMP C151 in Book 2.

- Use screened street waste soils as feedstock materials for topsoil operations. Reserve this option for street waste soils with very low levels of contaminants. Evaluate the allowable level of contaminants based on the proposed use of the soil. At a minimum, the contaminate level in the soil should be below established action levels for in situ soils. Do not dilute street waste soils with clean soils or composted material as a substitute for treatment or disposal. There may be unscreened physical contaminants (for example, glass, metal, nails, etc.) in street waste. Where present, these contaminants in street waste could preclude its use as feedstock material for topsoil operations.
- Fill in parks, play fields, golf courses and other recreational settings, where direct exposure by the public is limited or prevented. One way to accomplish is to cover the fill with sod, grass or other capping material to reduce the risk of soil ingestion. Evaluate the level of contaminants in the street waste to ensure that the soils meet the definition of clean soils when used in this manner.
- Fill in commercial and industrial areas, including soil or top dressing for use at industrial sites, roadway medians, airport infields and similar sites, where there is limited direct human contact with the soil, and stabilize the soils with vegetation or other means. Evaluate the level of contaminants in the street waste to ensure that the soils meet the definition of clean soils when used in this manner.
- Top dressing on roadway slopes, road or parking lot construction material and road subgrade, parking lot subgrade, or other road fill. Evaluate the level of contaminants in the street waste to ensure that the soils meet the definition of clean soils when used in this manner.
- Daily cover or fill in a permitted municipal solid waste landfill provided the street waste solids have been dewatered. Street waste solids may be acceptable as final cover during a landfill closure. Consult the local health department and landfill operator to determine conditions of acceptance.
- Treatment at a permitted contaminated soil treatment facility.
- Recycling through incorporation into a manufactured product, such as Portland cement, prefabricated concrete, or asphalt. Consult the facility operator to determine conditions of acceptance.
- Other end-use as approved by the local health department
- Disposal at an appropriate solid waste handling facility.

**For street waste that exceeds the suggested maximum values in [Table E.4](#), Ecology recommends the following street waste solids reuse and disposal options:**

- Treatment at a permitted contaminated soil treatment facility.
- Recycling through incorporation into a manufactured product, such as Portland cement, prefabricated concrete, or asphalt. Consult the facility operator to determine conditions of acceptance.
- Other end-use as approved by the local health department
- Disposal at an appropriate solid waste handling facility.

## **Street Waste Liquids**

### **General Procedures:**

**Street waste collection should emphasize retention of solids in preference to liquids.** Street waste solids are the principal objective in street waste collection and are substantially easier to store and treat than liquids.

**Street waste liquids require treatment before their discharge.** Street waste liquids usually contain high amounts of suspended and total solids and adsorbed metals. Treatment requirements depend on the discharge location.

**The entity responsible for operation and maintenance of the system must approve discharges to sanitary sewer and storm sewer systems.** Ecology will not generally require waste discharge permits for discharge of stormwater decant to sanitary sewers or to stormwater treatment BMPs constructed and maintained in accordance with Ecology's Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington (See Volume 5, Sections 7 through 12 for further detail on approved BMPs).

**Follow the following required order of preference, for disposal of catch basin decant liquid and water removed from stormwater treatment facilities.**

- 1. Discharge of catch basin decant liquids to a municipal sanitary sewer connected to a Public Owned Treatment Works (POTW).** Discharge to a municipal sanitary sewer requires the approval of the sewer authority. Approvals for discharge to a POTW will likely contain pretreatment, quantity, and location conditions to protect the POTW. Following the local sewer authority's conditions is a permit requirement.
- 2. Discharge of catch basin decant liquids may be allowed into a Basic or ~~Enhanced~~ [Metals](#) Stormwater Treatment BMP, if option 1 is not available.** Only discharge liquid collected from cleaning catch

basins and stormwater treatment wetvaults back into the storm sewer system under the following conditions:

- The preferred disposal option of discharge to sanitary sewer is not reasonably available.
- The discharge is to a Basic or Enhanced Metals Stormwater Treatment Facility. If pretreatment does not remove visible sheen from oils, the treatment facility must be able to prevent the discharge of oils causing a visible sheen.
- The discharge is as near to the treatment facility as is practical, to minimize contamination or recontamination of the collection system.
- The storm sewer system owner/operator has granted approval and has determined that the treatment facility will accommodate the increased loading. Part of the approval process may include pretreatment conditions to protect the treatment BMP. Following local pretreatment conditions is a requirement of this permit.
- Ecology must approve in advance flocculants for the pretreatment of catch basin decant liquids. The liquids must be non-toxic under the circumstances of use.

The discharger shall determine if reasonable availability of sanitary sewer discharge exists, by evaluating such factors as distance, time of travel, load restrictions, and capacity of the stormwater treatment facility.

**3. Operators may return water removed from stormwater ponds, vaults, and oversized catch basins to the storm sewer system.**

Stormwater ponds, vaults, and oversized catch basins contain substantial amounts of liquid, which hampers the collection of solids and poses problems in hauling the removed waste away from the site. Water removed from these facilities may be discharged back into the pond, vault, or catch basin provided:

- Operators may discharge clear water removed from a stormwater treatment structure directly to a down gradient cell of a treatment pond or into the storm sewer system.
- Turbid water may be discharged back into the structure it was removed from if the removed water has been stored in a clean container (eductor truck, Baker tank, or other appropriate container used specifically for handling stormwater or clean water); and there will be no discharge from the treatment structure for at least 24 hours.
- The storm sewer system owner/operator must approve the discharge.

Table E.7 - Typical Catch Basin Decant Values Compared to Surface Water Quality Criteria

PARAMETER	State Surface Water Quality Criteria		Range of Values Reported	Range of Values Reported
METALS	Freshwater Acute (ug/l – dissolved metals)	Freshwater Chronic (ug/l – dissolved metals)	Total Metals (ug/l)	Dissolved Metals (ug/l)
Arsenic	360	190	100 – 43000	60 - 100
Cadmium*	2.73	0.84	64 - 2400	2 - 5
Chromium (total)			13 -- 90000	3 - 6
Chromium (III)*	435	141		
Chromium (VI)	0.5	10		
Copper*	13.04	8.92	81 -- 200000	3 - 66
Lead*	47.3	1.85	255 -- 230000	1 - 50
Nickel*	1114	124	40 -- 330	20 - 80
Zinc*	90.1	82.3	401 -- 440000	1900 - 61000
Mercury	2.10	.012	0.5 -- 21.9	

\*Hardness dependent; hardness assumed to be 75 mg/l

**Table E.8 - Typical Values for Conventional Pollutants in Catch Basin Decant**

PARAMETER	Ecology 1993	(Min - Max)	King County 1995	(Min - Max)
Values as mg/l; except where stated	Mean		Mean	
pH	6.94	6.18 - 7.98	8	6.18 - 11.25
Conductivity (umhos/cm)	364	184 - 1110	480	129 - 10,100
Hardness (mg/l CaCO3)	234	73 - 762		
Fecal Coliform (MPN/100 ml)	3000			
BOD	151	28 - 1250		
COD	900	120 - 26,900		
Oil & Grease	11	7.0 - 40	471	15 - 6242
TOC	136	49 - 7880	3670	203 - 30,185
Total Solids	1930	586 - 70,400		
Total Dissolved Solids	212	95 - 550		
Total Suspended Solids	2960	265 - 111,000		
Settleable Solids (ml/l/hr)	27	2 - 234	57	1 - 740
Turbidity (ntu)	1000	55 - 52,000	4673	43 - 78,000

**Table E.9 - Catch Basin Decant Values Following Settling<sup>1</sup>**

Parameter; Total Metals in mg/l	Portland – Inverness Site Min - Max	King County - Renton Min - Max	METRO Pretreatment Discharge Limits
Arsenic	.0027 .015	< MDL – 0.12	4
Cadmium	.0009 - .0150	< MDL – 0.11	0.6
Chromium	.0046 - .0980	.017 – .189	5
Copper	.015 - .8600	.0501 – .408	8
Lead	.050 – 6.60	.152 – 2.83	4
Nickel	.0052 - .10	.056 - .187	5
Silver	.0003 - .010	< MDL	3
Zinc	.130 – 1.90	.152 – 3.10	10
Settleable Solids; ml/L	No Data	.02 - 2	7
Nonpolar FOG	5.7 - 25	5 - 22	100
Ph (std)	6.1 – 7.2	6.74 – 8.26	5.0 - 12.0
TSS	2.8 - 1310		
Recorded Total Monthly Flow; Gallons	Data not available	31,850 - 111,050	
Recorded Max. Daily Flow; Gallons	Data not available	4,500 - 18,600	25,000 GPD
Calculated Average Daily Flow; GPD	Data not available	1517 - 5428	

1) Data from King County's Renton Facility (data from 1998 – 1999) and the City of Portland's Inverness Site (data from 1999 – 2001); detention times not provided



## Site Evaluation

### **Ecology suggests use of a site evaluation as method to identify spill sites or locations that potentially contain dangerous wastes.**

The site evaluation will aid in determining if waste is a dangerous waste and in determining what to test for if dangerous waste is suspected. The site evaluation will also help to determine if the waste does not meet the requirements of the end users.

There are three steps to a site evaluation:

1. An historical review of the site for spills, previous contamination and nearby toxic cleanup sites and dangerous waste and materials.

The historical review will be easier if done on an area wide basis prior to scheduling any waste collection. The historical review should be more thorough for operators who never collected waste at a site before. At a minimum, the historical review should include operator knowledge of the area's collection history or records kept from previous waste collections.

Private operators should ask the owner of the site for records of previous contamination and the timing of the most recent cleaning. Ecology's Hazardous Substance Information Office maintains a Toxic Release Inventory and a "Facility Site" webpage, tracking more than 15,000 sites. This information is available from Ecology through the Internet at <https://ecology.wa.gov/Research-Data/Data-resources/Toxics-Release-Inventory> or by calling a toll-free telephone number (1-800-633-7585). The webpage allows anyone with web-access to search for facility information by address, facility name, town, zip code, and SIC code, etc. It lists why the Department of Ecology is tracking each one (NPDES, TSCA, RCRA, Clean Air Act, etc.), as well as who to call within Ecology to find out more about the given facility. EPA's toxic release website is <https://www.epa.gov/toxics-release-inventory-tri-program>.

2. An area visual inspection for potential contaminant sources such as a past fire, leaking tanks and electrical transformers, and surface stains.

Evaluate the area around the site for contaminant sources prior to collection of the waste. The area visual inspection may be done either as part of multiple or as single site inspections. If the inspection finds a potential contaminant source, delay the waste collection until the potential contaminant is assessed.

A second portion of the area visual inspection is a subjective good housekeeping evaluation of the area. Locations with poor housekeeping commonly cut corners in less obvious places. Inspect these sites in greater detail for illegal dumping and other contamination spreading practices.

**3. A waste and container inspection** before and during collection.

The inspection of the waste and catch basin or vault is the last and perhaps most critical step in the site evaluation.

For example, if the stormwater facility has an unusual color in or around it, then there is a strong possibility that someone dumped something into it. Some colors to be particularly wary of are yellow-green from antifreeze dumping and black and rainbow sheen from oil and/or grease dumping. In addition, if the inspector observes any staining or corrosion, then a solvent may have been dumped.

Fumes are also good indicators of potential dangerous or dangerous waste. Avoid deliberate smelling of catch basins for worker safety, but suspicious odors may be encountered from catch basins thought to be safe. Some suspicious odors are rotten eggs (hydrogen sulfide is present), gasoline or diesel fumes, or solvent odors. If unusual odors are noted, contact a dangerous waste inspector before cleaning the basin.

*Finally, operator experience is the best guide to avoid collection of contaminated waste.*

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