

# Auto Repair Facilities

## Stormwater Best Management Practices



Storm drains are found in our streets and parking lots. You probably walk by a few of them a day, but just don't think much about them. Storm drains are put in place to gather stormwater runoff and bring to our local waterways (rivers, lakes, washes, and retention basins). Storm drains don't remove any pollution before entering our waterways. Stormwater runoff is now one of the leading causes of water pollution in the United States. Stormwater will pick up dirt, trash, oil, grease, chemicals, and other pollutants as it flows over parking lots and streets. So, if auto repair facilities aren't careful with disposal and cleanup procedures, they could be harming the environment. With the right knowledge, staff can prevent pollution from entering storm drains, therefore, helping to improve the water quality in local waterways.

## What Can I Do?

- Operate a clean, dry shop which includes: sweeping shop floors frequently; do not hose down, clean up spills promptly using absorbent materials, never sweep or flush wastes into storm drains.
- Prevent spills and leaks which includes draining fluids from leaking vehicles as soon as possible, use drip pans, store bulk or waste fluids in secondary containment.
- Wash or rinse parts indoors in designated, contained areas.
- Never dispose of automotive fluids in the storm drain.



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