

Good Housekeeping cont.....

Parts cleaning and radiator flushing cont..

- Never discharge cleaning solutions or waste water from steam cleaning or engine/parts cleaning onto the ground or into a street, gutter, or storm drain.

Car Washing

If car washing is a central activity for your business, you must use a covered wash pad that drains to the sanitary sewer.

Treat and recycle wash water, Also install and oil/grit separator if required by the sewer district.

If car washing is an occasional activity of your business, avoid washing vehicles on site. Take vehicles to a commercial car wash or provide your customers with a courtesy voucher for a properly equipped commercial car wash

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Changing Oil and Other Fluids

- Change vehicle fluids indoors and only on floors constructed of non-porous materials, or only in areas where spills can be captured and disposed of properly. Avoid working over asphalt and dirt surfaces that absorb vehicle fluids
- If vehicle fluids must be removed outdoors, always use a drip pan.
- Transfer fluids drained from vehicles to a designated waste storage area as soon as possible.
- Never pour vehicle fluids or other hazardous waste into storm drains, sewers, or into dumpsters where they could leak out. These substances should be kept in designated waste storage containers until recycled or disposed of properly

County of Mendocino Stormwater Program

Illicit Discharge Hotline: 707-234-6679

For more information on BMPs and other stormwater related information go to:
www.co.mendocino.ca.us/planning/stormwater.htm

Or call:
(707) 234-6650

Stormwater BMPs for Automotive Businesses



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What every owner or manager should know....

Automotive related business owners should be aware that the discharge of pollutants from their businesses' activities into the storm drain system or into surrounding water bodies is prohibited by local, state and federal law. Discharges can result in severe penalties. Typical pollutants generated automotive businesses include:

- Wastewater from car washing
- Motor oil
- Brake dust/fluid
- Sanding waste
- Filler residue
- Paints
- Thinners
- Plating wastes
- And other fluids

Basic Requirements

Stormwater Regulations require two basic requirements:

Only Rain may go down the storm drain

Minimize the contact of rainfall and runoff with pollutant sources.

Education and Training

Train all employees upon hiring on stormwater BMPs and good housekeeping and pollution prevention methods.

BMPs –Best Management Practices, Good Housekeeping

Materials Storage

- Store hazardous materials and wastes under cover and with secondary containment to prevent spills or leaks from reaching the storm drain
- Keep dumpster lids closed and keep lids on waste containers.
- Keep storage areas clean and dry
- Conduct regular inspections to detect and correct any leaks and spills immediately
- Store batteries securely to avoid breakage and spills. Store indoors in plastic trays to contain any leaks

Clean Shop Techniques

- Never hose down or pressure wash work areas unless the resulting wash water is contained, treated, and disposed of properly
- Sweep or vacuum the shop floor regularly. Pick up sweepings and dispose of them in the trash. Mopping can be used as an alternative to hosing—mop water should be disposed of in the sanitary sewer
- Keep parking lots clean in order to prevent mobilization of oils, residues, and debris by subsequent rainfall

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- Residue from the sanding of fillers is a common auto body shop pollutant— it should be collected and disposed of in the trash
- Collect all metal filings, dust, and paint chips from grinding, shaving, and sanding, and dispose of the waste in the trash
- Use drip pans under leaking vehicles to capture fluids
- Keep fully stocked spill kits available at all times and make sure that employees know when and how to use them.

Hazardous Materials and Wastes

Hazardous materials and wastes may never be discharged to the sanitary sewer or storm drain. All hazardous materials and hazardous wastes must be stored, used, and disposed of according to federal, state, and local laws, including but not limited to fire codes, and hazardous material and waste laws.

Parts Cleaning and Radiator Flushing

- Use licensed service to haul and recycle or dispose of wastes.
- Use self-contained sinks and tanks when working with solvents
- Designate specific bays or areas for engine or radiator cleaning. Do not rinse parts outdoors

