

# Best Management Practices

## What are they?

*The term Best Management Practice (BMP) refers to practices or measures used to control water pollution that keep our rivers and streams as clean as possible. Good Housekeeping BMPs are common sense measures that help businesses manage site activities and operations to control pollution. When used, these BMPs prevent materials and wastes from being exposed to stormwater, thereby preventing stormwater runoff pollution.*

### 1. Sweep Regularly and Use Dry Methods for Cleaning

- ◆ Routinely sweep paved areas to remove and pick up silt, sand, dirt, debris, and litter for proper disposal as solid waste into a dumpster or trash receptacle.
- ◆ Avoid using water to hose down dirty sidewalks, bays, and other paved areas to prevent washing debris, silt, grease, and detergents into storm drains and streams.



### 2. Cover, Contain, & Elevate Materials

- ◆ Cover outdoor storage containers with leak proof lids that fit securely to contain contents and materials.
- ◆ Ensure storage containers, particularly waste storage containers, are leak proof.



### 3. Limit Use of Toxic Products and Materials

- ◆ Seek non-toxic or alternative products and practices for cleaning, pest control, and degreasing. For example, steam cleaning systems that use water and mechanical action rather than solvents.

### 4. Stock Spill Control and Cleanup Supplies

- ◆ Stock and maintain adequate supplies of spill cleanup materials (including absorbent granules, fabrics and pads; containers/bags; brooms and dustpans; and vacuum equipment) in locations accessible to where spills and leaks are likely to occur.



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