

Be Prepared for Clean Up of Hazardous Spills

Prepare a clean up plan and provide specific instructions on how to clean up hazardous spills. (for example, oils, gasoline)

Have a spill kit on hand so that you are prepared if you do have a spill.

1. Clean up spills immediately.
2. 'Stop and isolate the source.
3. Divert the spill so that it does not enter into the storm drain system. If you accidentally spill please call City Hall.
4. Cover the spill with absorbent materials, such as kitty litter, sawdust or vermiculite. Sweep up the absorbed material and dispose of the hazardous waste responsibly. Avoid liquid degreasers (especially on paved surfaces that could drain to storm drains or sewers).

Hazardous Waste Disposal

Hazardous waste can be dropped off at Snohomish County's Hazardous Waste Drop Off Station. For large quantities (40 gal. or more) you must call for an appointment.

3434 McDougall Ave. Everett

(425) 388-6050



To report water quality problems:

City of Mill Creek

Public Works Surface Water Division

(During business hours. 9am to 5pm)

(425) 745-1891

Ecology ERTS desk

(425) 649-7000

(note: this is a 24-hr number.)

After normal working hours calls are received at the Washington Emergency Response Center who will notify the Department of Ecology of your call.)

Public Works Surface Water Utility

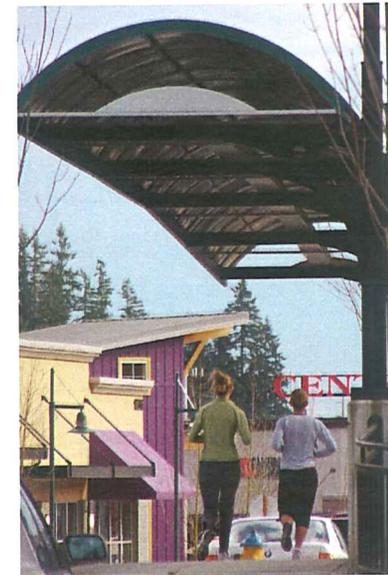
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Best Management Practices for Businesses

Stormwater Pollution Control



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Best Management Practices for Commercial Businesses

Polluting is against the Law

The City of Mill Creek (MCMC 15.14.240) prohibits the discharge of pollutants to the storm drain system.

Polluted storm water negatively affects every water body it enters.

Storm Drains lead to Lakes and Streams. Storm drain systems are designed to carry only unpolluted storm water to the nearest natural body of water.

Ways you may be polluting

Many people know that it is illegal to dump pollutants down a storm drain but are not aware that you are also polluting if you allow pollutants to be washed into a storm drain with storm water runoff or with wash water.

For instance, you may be polluting if you;

- 1.) allow wash water from pressure washing to enter a storm drain.
- 2.) spill chemicals or other materials on your site without cleaning it up.
- 3.) allow materials or wastes (for example, barrels of grease) stored outside to leak on the ground.

Best Management Practices

Pressure Washing:

In situations where soaps or detergents are used, pressure washers must use a water collection device that enables collection of wash water and associated solids. A sump pump, wet vacuum or similar device must be used to collect the runoff and loose materials. If soap or detergents are not used, pressure washers must use filter fabric in the catch basins to trap the particles in wash water runoff.

If the painted surface being pressure washed is painted with lead or other heavy metal bearing paint consider using a commercial pressure washing service that can collect, test and properly dispose of the wash water.

Sidewalk Maintenance:

It is preferred that sidewalks be swept for collection of disposal of loose solid materials. Use biodegradable soap (Simple Green) to clean spot stains.

Divert soapy water to grassy area when possible. Do not use soaps and detergents to wash down sidewalks.



Storage of Liquid Materials:



Store containers in such a manner that if the tank is ruptured the contents will not be washed into the storm system. Place tight-fitting lids on all containers. Raise the containers off of the ground by use of a containment pallet. If an accident occurs please alert the City of Mill Creek immediately. If the material is hazardous contact the fire department immediately.

Building Repair, Remodel and Construction:

Use drop cloths underneath outdoor painting, scraping and sandblasting work.

Install storm drain filter fabrics in catch basins where wash water, dirt or pollutants may escape the work area and enter a catch basin.