



Stormwater Pollution Prevention

Auto Maintenance

Oil, grease, anti-freeze, and other toxic automobile fluids can make their way into washes -- contaminating soil and water and making our washes unsafe for people and wildlife. Please follow these best management practices to prevent pollution.



Cleaning Auto Parts

Scrape parts with a wire brush or use a bake oven rather than liquid cleaners. Arrange drip pans, drying racks, and drain boards so that fluids are directed back into the parts washer or the fluid holding tank. Do not wash parts or equipment in a shop sink, parking lot, driveway, or street.



Storing Hazardous Waste

Keep your liquid waste segregated. Many fluids—if they are not mixed--can be recycled with hazardous waste disposal companies. When storing hazardous materials, use spill containment and place under cover.



Preventing Leaks and Spills

Place drip pans underneath the vehicle to capture fluids. Use absorbent cleaning agents instead of water to clean work areas.



Proper Disposal of Hazardous Waste

Recycle used motor oil and oil filters, anti-freeze, and other hazardous automotive fluids, batteries, tires, and metal filings collected from grinding or polishing auto parts. Contact the County Transfer Station at 452-9805 regarding hazardous waste disposal.



Cleaning Spills

Use dry methods for spill cleanup (sweeping and absorbent materials). Follow your hazardous materials response plan. Be sure that all employees are aware of the plan and are capable of implementing each phase. To report serious toxic spills, call 911.



Metal Grinding and Polishing

Keep a bin under your lathe or grinder to capture metal filings. Send uncontaminated filings to a scrap metal recycler for reclamation. Store metal filings indoors or, when storing outdoors, ensure the container is covered.

To report possible Stormwater Pollution, please call 452-7017