



**A
Clean Environment
is
Important
to
All of Us!**

Did you know that storm drains are NOT connected to sanitary sewer systems and treatment plants?

The primary purpose of storm drains is to carry rainwater away from developed areas to prevent flooding. Untreated storm water and the pollutants it carries flow directly into the creeks, lakes, lagoons, and ocean.

In recent years, sources of water pollution, such as industrial waters from factories, have been greatly reduced. However, now the majority of water pollution occurs because of familiar residential and commercial activities that produce a variety of contaminants: oil from cars; wash water from restaurants; fertilizers from farms, lawns, and gardens; waste from failing septic tanks; wash water from residential car washing; and waste from pets.

Without proper prevention measures called Best Management Practices (BMPs), all of these contaminants can be carried by rain water into the storm drains and then into nearby and more distant waterways. To keep our water clean, each of us can make small changes that, together, add up to major pollution solutions!

A Word About Business Licenses

Every company or person doing business or based in Escondido is required to have a business license. This includes mobile services that may be based in another city but frequently work in the City of Escondido. Business license applications must be completed with Federal Employer Identification number, Seller's Permit number, and State Tax number, if applicable. Contractors must supply a copy of their State Contractor's License. Sole proprietors must furnish their social security and driver's license numbers. As part of the business licensing procedure, all new businesses applying for a City license must call 839-4668 to make an appointment with a field inspector to verify proper containment and recovery equipment. For more information or to obtain a business license call 760-839-4659.

Other Resources

State Water Resources Control Board
www.swrcb.ca.gov/stormwtr/industrial

Project Clean Water
www.projectcleanwater.org

URL address of Storm Water Ordinance
www.ci.escondido.ca.us/depts/ut/stormwater/regulations/index.html

Database of certified hazardous waste haulers
<http://dtsc.ca.gov/database/>

**To report illegal discharges call
760-839-4668**



Best Management Practices A Guide For



MOBILE BUSINESSES

including, but not limited to,
**Carpet/Drapery Cleaning
Power Washing
Pavement/Deck Remodeling**

**CITY
of
ESCONDIDO
Storm Water Program**

*Working With Businesses
To Comply With The
State-Regulated
Storm Water Permit*



BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES



Releasing pollutants directly or indirectly into the storm drain conveyance system, including street gutters, storm drains, ditches, curbs, catch basins and man-made channels, is a violation of the City's Storm Water Ordinance. Your business is required to comply with the ordinance and implement Best Management Practices to prevent pollutants from entering the storm drain conveyance system.

PRIOR TO ACTIVITY

- ☹ Sweep and pick up trash, debris, and sediment in and downstream of the wash area.
- ☹ Temporarily cover storm drain inlets that are located within and/or down gradient of your business prior to performing any activity that involves fluids and has the possibility of resulting in spills, leaks, or runoff.



DURING ACTIVITY

- ☹ Berm and collect all wash water runoff.
- ☹ Use non-toxic or less hazardous products: reduce or eliminate the use of soaps, degreasers, or other cleaning agents, whenever possible.
- ☹ Promptly clean up spills and leaks as they occur. Report any spills or leaks that reach the storm drain system at 760-839-4668 during business hours and 760-839-4722 during the weekends and evenings. Call 911 for chemical spills.

- ☹ Use dry cleaning methods (sweeping, vacuuming, mop and bucket) whenever possible.
- ☹ Do not leave areas of wash water on paved surfaces for evaporation. Sweep up any visible solids and sediments remaining after all the wash water has been collected.



WASTE DISPOSAL

- ☹ Wash water may NOT be disposed of to the storm drain system or receiving waters. Collect and contain it for treatment, re-use, or proper disposal. For a list of certified hazardous waste haulers visit the Dept. of Toxic Substance Control website at dtsc.ca.gov/database
- ☹ Waste water cannot be disposed of into the City of Escondido's sewer system. Contact the City of San Diego at 858-654-4100 for sanitary sewer disposal options.
- ☹ Wastewater may be collected and discharged or directed onto landscaped and/or dirt areas only when the wastewater does not contain food products and contaminants (i.e. solvents, cleaners, oils, metals, etc.) that may constitute a hazardous waste. Such legal discharges must soak into the ground. Permission from the property owner must be granted prior to discharging or diverting onto landscape or dirt areas.

VEHICLE & EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE

- ☹ Keep all vehicles maintained and repair leaks immediately.
- ☹ Keep spill response kit in every vehicle.
- ☹ If feasible, vehicles may be washed over a pervious surface and/or wash water may be drained to a pervious or landscaped area.
- ☹ Maintain cleaning equipment to prevent waste water leakage.
- ☹ Secure all material and equipment in the vehicle during transport.

TRAINING

- ☹ Train employees in the importance of storm water pollution control. Some employees should be trained in spill response techniques. All should be trained to not discharge material to the storm water conveyance system.

