



Best Management Practices

Automotive Businesses

The *City of Escondido's Environmental Programs Division* supports businesses in their efforts to prevent pollution by offering these important Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs).

Water that runs into the streets, gutters, and storm drains in Escondido is not treated before it reaches our local creeks, rivers, and the ocean. *These Best Management Practices will help keep our waterways clean.*

Vehicle Fluid Management

- ❑ Store and manage antifreeze, waste oil, and used solvents inside buildings or underneath a permitted cover with secondary containment.
- ❑ Dispose of antifreeze, waste oil, and used solvents by contracting a disposal company. Comply with all applicable laws and regulations.
- ❑ Drain vehicle fluids indoors or underneath a cover over non-porous surfaces (such as concrete).
- ❑ Drip pans must be used on all leaking vehicles.
- ❑ New fluids in a container over 30 gallons must be stored with secondary containment.

Trash Enclosures

- ❑ Dumpster lids must be closed at all times.
- ❑ Keep dumpster areas clean and free from trash and cardboard.
- ❑ Do not store any oily parts or engines inside trash enclosures.
- ❑ Inspect and sweep trash enclosures often.

Vehicle & Equipment Washing

- ❑ Contact the Hale Avenue Resource Recovery Facility (HARRF) at **760-839-6290** for discharge information to the sewer system. Sand and oil separators, and wastewater recycling systems may have special requirements.
- ❑ Use commercial carwashes if you are not equipped with a sand and oil separator.



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Releasing pollutants directly or indirectly into the storm drain system or waterways is a violation of the Escondido's Municipal Code (Chapter 22). *Your Business is required to comply with the Municipal Code and these minimum BMPs.*

Engine & Parts Cleaning

- ❑ Wash parts only in a parts washer inside a service bay. When working with solvents, clean parts in self-contained sinks or drum units.
- ❑ Inspect parts washing units often for leaks and make immediate repairs.

Body Repair & Painting

- ❑ If body repairs cannot be done indoors, take precautions to prevent discharges from the work area.
- ❑ Sanding must be done indoors under cover. Use a sander with an attached vacuum system to capture dust at the source.
- ❑ Implement sweeping program to minimize drag-out of sanding waste from work bays to outside areas.
- ❑ Conduct painting in approved, enclosed areas equipped with vacuum hoods and filters.
- ❑ Check with your local fire agency, the County of San Diego Hazardous Materials Division, and the Air Pollution Control District for additional information and permit requirements for spray booths, coatings, and emissions.

Floors & Paved Surfaces

- ❑ Use dry methods such as sweeping or vacuuming to clean up dust and debris.
- ❑ Only use dry methods to clean around fuel-dispensing islands.
- ❑ Have a designated mop bucket for spills. Dispose of all wash water in sand and oil separator or place wash water in a 55 gallon barrel to be safely disposed by a disposal company.

Employee Training

- ❑ Train all employees on stormwater BMPs, pollution prevention, and spill clean up.
- ❑ Maintain training records on site.

For more information and other ideas, contact Environmental Compliance at the Hale Avenue Resource Recovery Facility (HARRF) at 760-839-6290.

Thank you for doing your part to protect our waterways.

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