Mobile Business Pollution Prevention



A Best Practices Guide for Landscapers, Cleaning Services, Auto Detailers, and Other Mobile Businesses

Spill Response

Spills of Oil or Hazardous Materials **MUST** be reported

Who to Call

National Response Center: 1-800-424-8802

AND

Washington Emergency
Management Division:
1-800-258-5990 OR 1-800-OILS-911

AND

Ecology Southwest Region: 1-360-407-6300

AND

City of Bonney Lake:

253-447-4320 OR City of Bonney Lake 311 OR After Hours & Weekends 253-841-5538

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It's Up to You!

During every rain, pollutants left on our parking lots, driveways, roads and yards are washed down our storm drains which flow into our natural waterways. The City of Bonney Lake is working with citizens and businesses to clean up stormwater runoff and improve the health of our lakes, streams, wetlands, and Puget Sound.

Businesses can do their part in improving the health of our waterways by adopting the Sound Business and Landscaping practices listed within this brochure.

It's the Law

Sending pollutant laden runoff down the storm drain is not only bad for the health of our water ways, it's illegal. City, State, and Federal Law prohibits the discharge of pollutants into surface water, stormwater, and groundwater.



Sound Business Practices

Help us improve water quality in our lakes and streams by adopting the following best management practices:

Properly dispose of wash water. Pour it down the sink or toilet, not down the storm drain. Wash water is toxic to aquatic life and it is illegal to send it down the storm drain. Remember – even biodegradable soaps are toxic to fish.



Clean up after spills on the driveway, road, or other impervious surfaces. Use kitty litter, sawdust, or commercial absorbent products to absorb spilled liquids, then sweep it up and properly dispose of the material.



Sweep it up, don't wash it away. When working in a driveway or parking lot, sweep up debris instead of washing it down a storm drain.

Properly dispose of chemicals and hazardous materials. Pierce County residents may dispose of household hazardous waste at the City of Tacoma's collection facility free of charge. Customers

must show proof of residency with a current photo ID. The Household Hazardous Waste Facility is located at the Tacoma Landfill, 3510 S. Mullen St., Tacoma, WA 98409. For more information, e-mail solidwaste@cityoftacoma.org, or call (253) 591-5418.

Divert waste water from pressure washing and engine cleaning to the sanitary sewer system using a car wash kit or similar system.



Wash vehicles on a lawn or at a licensed car wash facility. Car wash water contains dirt, road grime, heavy metals, oils, and soaps which are toxic to fish and aquatic life.



Sound Landscaping Practices

Encourage the use of native drought tolerant plants in landscape designs. It reduces the need for fertilizers and conserves water.



Use organic / time release fertilizers. It reduces the amount of fertilizers washed into our waterways during heavy rains. Use non-toxic pesticidal soaps and other alternatives to pesticides.



Promote infiltration techniques, such as rain gardens. These techniques can help improve water quality and restore the natural hydrologic function to our wetlands and streams.