

Vehicle Care

Stormwater Best Management Practices



Many automotive fluids — oil, antifreeze, de-greasers — are hazardous materials. Leaking vehicles leave stains of oil, grease, and transmission fluid on driveways and parking lots. Rain or irrigation water washes over these areas, carrying pollutants to the storm drain. When washing your car, detergents and solvents run off into the street into storm drains. Water from the storm drains is directly discharged into our lakes and rivers without being treated.

Did You Know?

You can use absorbent material like kitty litter to clean up spills; sweep up and properly dispose of in trash.

What Can I Do?

- Never dump used motor oil in the storm drain; recycle oil and other automotive fluids.
- Avoid spills by using a drip pan.
- Avoid hosing down your garage and driveway; sweep instead.
- Wash your vehicle at a commercial car wash or wash over a lawn or gravel driveway.



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