

# Mobile Cleaning - Vehicles

## Stormwater Best Management Practices



Storm drains are found in our streets and parking lots. You probably walk by a few of them a day, but just don't think much about them. Storm drains are put in place to gather stormwater runoff and bring to our local waterways (rivers, lakes, washes, and retention basins). Storm drains don't remove any pollution before entering our waterways. Stormwater runoff is now one of the leading causes of water pollution in the United States. Stormwater will pick up dirt, trash, oil, grease, chemicals, and other pollutants as it flows over parking lots and streets. So, if mobile cleaners aren't careful, they could be harming the environment. With the right knowledge, staff can prevent pollution from entering storm drains, therefore, helping to improve the water quality in local waterways.

## What Can I Do?

- Wastewater may not be disposed of in streets, parking lots, gutters, or storm drains.
- Temporarily cover and protect storm drain inlets.
- Contain and collect wastewater on site — use a portable impervious surface such as a potable wash pit, vacuum recovery unit, or compactible device if washing on a porous surface. Discharge wastewater through an interceptor to the sanitary sewer (check local regulations). If wastewater can't be disposed of through an interceptor on site, NHLW hauler for proper removal and disposal.
- Engine degreasing chemicals and wastewater is hazardous waste and must be disposed of accordingly.
- Use non-toxic, less hazardous, or biodegradable products when possible.
- Properly dispose of chemicals— do not pour into sink, storm drain, or street.
- Train employees to practice pollution prevention.



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