



# Materials Management and Spill Response

The *County of San Diego Watershed Protection Program* supports businesses in their efforts to prevent pollution by offering these important Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs).

- ! Water that is released into the streets, gutters, and storm drains in San Diego County is not treated before it reaches our local creeks, rivers, and the ocean. *These tips for managing materials and spills will help keep our waterways clean.*

## Materials Storage

- ▣ Berm and cover all equipment storage areas.
- ▣ Maintain all storage containers in good condition, and keep containers securely closed when not in use.
- ▣ Inspect storage areas at least once before the rainy season (typically October-April) and quarterly during the rainy season.
- ▣ Document inspection results and retain records for two years.
- ▣ During transport, securely store all materials and equipment in the vehicle.

## Hazardous Waste

- ▣ Store and dispose of all hazardous materials in accordance with the Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) and all applicable laws and regulations.
- ▣ Check with vendors, associates, and employees for less toxic materials that will still be effective.
- ▣ Locate all hazardous waste handling, storage, and disposal areas away from storm drains or water bodies.

*more tips >>>*

we can  
**protect our  
waterways**

with just  
a few steps.



For more information, call the Stormwater Hotline at (888) 846-0800 or visit [www.sandiegocounty.gov/dpw/watersheds.html](http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/dpw/watersheds.html) for the WPO.



## Hazardous Waste

- ❑ Store hazardous waste indoors or elevated and under cover.
- ❑ Store hazardous waste using secondary containment methods (e.g., berm, spill pallet, over pack container).
- ❑ For more information on the County of San Diego Hazardous Materials Division requirements, please call (858) 505-6880.

## Spills

- ❑ Keep materials and equipment necessary for spill response maintained and readily accessible. Post signs to remind employees of locations of spill cleanup equipment.
- ❑ Promptly clean up spills and leaks as they occur.
- ❑ When sweeping, separate out materials that can be recycled.
- ❑ Use and maintain drip pans under leaky equipment; recycle the liquid.
- ❑ Use rags or materials that can be recycled for your spill cleanup procedures.
- ❑ Use spill kits when no recovery method is available. Segregate spill wastes for possible recycling and disposal.
- ❑ Seal floors for easy spill cleanup.
- ❑ Properly dispose of used clean up materials according to all applicable laws and regulations.
- ❑ Hazardous materials spills should be reported to the Hazardous Materials Division at (858) 505-6673.
- ❑ Contain all spills on-site. Immediately report any spills or leaks that reach the storm drain system by calling the Stormwater Hotline at (888) 846-0800.

- ⚠ Releasing pollutants directly or indirectly into the storm drain system or waterways is a violation of the County's Watershed Protection Ordinance (WPO). ***Your business is required to comply with the WPO and the following minimum BMPs.***

**thank you** for doing your part to protect our waterways.



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