

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. All sources of pollution are prohibited from leaving your property and entering streets or storm drains. Only rainwater is allowed in the streets and storm drains. *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 Safety Data Sheets (SDS) 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/stormwater 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 above minimum BMPs.***

thank you for doing your part to protect our waterways.



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