

Did you know?

Contaminated runoff from city streets, neighborhoods, constructions sites and parking lots FROM an assortment of business and residential activities is the largest source of water pollution in urban areas. In fact, anything other than rain entering a storm drain can pollute streams and groundwater.

Stormwater runoff results from rainfall. Rainstorms can cause large volumes of water to rinse the urban landscape, picking up pollutants along the way.

Urban runoff occurs any time of the year when excessive water from vehicle washing, and other sources carries detergents, chemicals, trash, lawn debris, and other urban pollutants into storm drains.

Your business can reduce stormwater pollution and protect rivers!

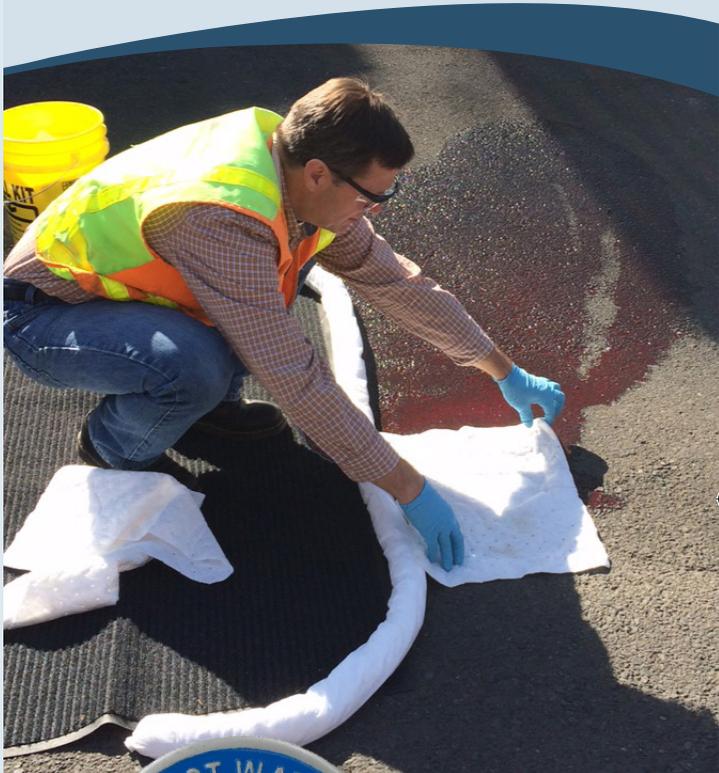
Your business is integral to our community and, like other community partners, you need to properly protect against spills that may enter your storm drain or storm water facility.

Preventing and properly cleaning up spills can save your business time and money, protect your employees and customers, as well as protect our local waterways. Following the simple steps in this flier can help you develop a plan to prevent spills as well as know what to do if a spill happens. Assistance is available to help you successfully prevent and manage spills.

Fact Check

Having spill kit(s) at your business can save some big dollars by avoiding clean-up costs. Even a 5-gallon oil spill that gets into a storm water drain could costs thousands of dollars to clean up. Read more about how to prevent and clean up spills to save your business money.

Spill Kit Program



For additional information:

Contact Clark County for technical assistance and the regulations that apply to your business or visit www.clark.wa.gov/stormwater for more tips.

To report a spill, contact:

Contact Washington Department of Ecology 24-Hour Spill SW Region Response Hotline at **(360) 407-6300**.



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Simple steps you can take to prevent stormwater pollution

ALWAYS

Have a spill prevention plan for your business

It is only natural that spills can happen when handling liquids. Preventing spills is the first step to minimizing the risks associated with spills. There are some simple steps to prepare your business and your employees to prevent spills.

- **Inventory your business** to know where liquids are stored, handled, delivered and disposed of at your site. Locate all drains and determine if they lead to sanitary sewer or storm water drain.
- **Identify opportunities to secure liquids** at each of these locations to prevent accidental spills (such as knocking containers over, ruptures, leaks, spills, etc.)
- **Develop a plan** to know how to clean up spills safely, train employees on spill kit use and, if needed, notify regulatory authorities to report the spill.
- **Visit Clark County's "What you can do" website** for links to example spill prevention plans (www.clark.wa.gov/stormwater)



ALWAYS

Have a spill kit accessible where your business uses liquids

A spill kit is the quickest way to stop a spill from becoming a bigger problem, such as creating a safety hazard for your employees or entering a storm drain. Here are some tips for your kit:

- **Spill kits should be located near** liquids for easy access. Avoid storing in a locked feature so that the kit can be accessed quickly.
- **Spill kits should be clearly labeled** for easy identification by employees and customers.
- **Spill kits should always be fully stocked** and ready for use in the event of a spill.

Know how to use your spill kit

Once you have your kit, learn how to properly use and dispose of the materials. Important tips to remember include:

- **Download our poster** on how to properly use a spill kit and post it at a visible location in your business.
- **Keep your employees safe by offering training** to new and existing employees regularly on your prevention plan as well as how to use a spill kit.
- **Know where your drains** are located so that they can be blocked to prevent pollution.
- **Properly dispose of materials and restock** after you have thoroughly cleaned up a spill.

Visit www.clark.wa.gov/stormwater
"What you can do" for more ideas

NEVER

Never rinse or clean tools and equipment where runoff could enter a stormwater drain.

Never use stormwater drains as waste receptacles, even for organic materials.

Never over spray products onto hard surfaces such as driveways, sidewalks or patios. Sweep up excess materials and dispose of properly.

Why? Stormwater drains lead directly to creeks, streams, and rivers with no filtration or treatment.

What is typically in a spill kit?

Portable container	Drain cover
Absorbent pads	Container for disposal
Absorbent boom / sock	Bag closure / labels
Absorbent clay / litter	Broom / pan
Protective gear (eyes, nose, hands)	Kit label

