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CLINTON RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL



AUTO CARE BMP

WHAT IS STORMWATER POLLUTION?

When rain falls and snow melts, the runoff produced picks up a variety of contaminants such as oil, metals, salts, pet waste, fertilizer, and grass clippings as it flows over roofs, roadways, sidewalks and lawns. Stormwater runoff ultimately flows into storm drains.

Remember: Storm drains lead directly to our local rivers and streams.

HOW DO AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE BUSINESSES CONTRIBUTE TO STORMWATER POLLUTION?

- Incorrect storage of used and new vehicle fluids.
- Spills and leaks from auto maintenance such as, oil, gasoline, chemicals, grease and paint.
- Improper cleaning of work sites.

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMP): Behaviors and practices used by individuals to prevent or reduce stormwater pollution impacts.



CHEMICAL SPILLS

- Never hose gas, oil or other chemical spills down the drain.



CONTROL LITTER

- Be sure workspace and surrounding areas such as parking lots are free of litter, debris and scraps that could end up in storm drains.



SPILL KITS

- Be sure to have properly stocked spill kits on hand.



EDUCATE STAFF

- Teach staff proper handling, storage and disposal of supplies, how to use a spill kit, and where storm drains are located on the property.



DRY MOP METHOD

- Use a dry mop to soak up spills or cover in sawdust or kitty litter and sweep.



CHEMICAL DISPOSAL

- Practice proper disposal of chemicals and automotive fluids.