

AUTO MAINTENANCE

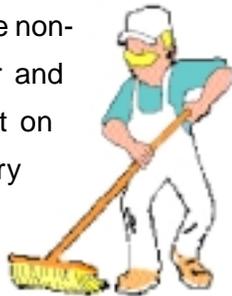


Oil and grease from cars, asbestos worn from brake linings, zinc from tires, and toxics from spilled fluids often make their way into the Base storm drain system and DO NOT GET TREATED before reaching streams and rivers off base. These wastes pollute our waterways, and make them unhealthy and unsafe for people and wildlife.

Follow these practices to help prevent stormwater pollution...

Cleaning Work Sites...

Avoid hosing down your garage floor and driveway; instead, sweep regularly. Also, use non-toxic cleaning products. A water and baking soda mixture works great on removing corrosion from battery terminals and cleaning chrome; mix the soda with a mild, biodegradable dishwashing soap to clean wheels and tires. Additionally, a mixture of white vinegar or lemon juice with water can be used to clean windows.



Spills...

Avoid accidental spills by using a drip pan and funnel when draining or pouring fluids. Be ready for unexpected spills by preparing and using spill containment and cleanup kits. Kits should include safety equipment and cleanup materials such as kitty litter, sawdust or cornmeal. Furthermore, prevent leaks from stored vehicles by draining gas, hydraulic oil, and transmission, brake & radiator fluid.



Recycling...

Recycle motor oil and lead acid batteries. REMEMBER: Never dump them down the sink or into storm drains. Other items which can be recycled include oil filters, antifreeze, cleaning solutions, hydraulic & transmission fluids, metal scraps, water-based paints, and used tires.



Washing Vehicles...

Take vehicles to a washing facility to prevent oil & grease, solids and other toxics from washing into our storm drains. Fund raising car washes may only be held at designated locations. Contact PWC Regional Environmental Group for approved car wash locations. At home, vehicles should be washed in an area that drains onto the lawn, which can absorb unwanted runoff.



For more information, call the PWC Regional Environmental Group at 444-3009

Contact your local Auto Hobby Shop for Recycling Information.