

# *Storm Water Pollution Prevention Best Management Practices (BMPs) for Businesses*

- Keep materials stored outdoors covered by awnings, roofs or tarps.
- Elevate waste material containers, ensuring they are kept tightly covered.
- Provide secondary containment, as required, for hazardous materials storage.
- Promptly clean-up any spilled material with absorbents.
- Regularly dispose of metals, tires, hazardous materials, cardboard and other used items, rather than store them uncovered outdoors. This will limit potential breeding ground for rats and mosquitoes, reducing both the spread of disease, and storm water contamination.
- Make a practice of sweeping your business site. Trash, leaves, and dirt are significant storm water pollutants that can be easily removed with regular sweeping. Do not wash down pavement.
- If you have a storm drain inlet or V-ditch on your property, consider purchasing and maintaining a storm water inlet filter including absorbent metals/oil sock to collect pollutants before they leave your site.
- Walk your business site daily to identify areas needing maintenance.
- Keep drip pans available and placed under any vehicles that may be leaking fluids.
- Keep a spill kit and absorbents readily available on-site to address spills.
- Capture all wash water using drain blocks, berms or containment systems, collect and properly dispose of the wash water. If frequent washing is done, use a mist sprayer and surfactant with a hand cloth to limit water use and run-off, or install a vehicle wash system that collects and recycles wash water.

