What is pollution prevention assistance?
Hands-on assistance for Washington businesses

Small businesses typically have limited access to expertise on stormwater management and hazardous waste handling and disposal. Ecology’s Local Source Control Partnership program funds jurisdictions throughout Washington to offer pollution prevention assistance to local businesses.

Specialists in participating jurisdictions offer free, on-site technical assistance to help small businesses identify and resolve possible causes of pollution. This hands-on assistance and regulatory advice reduces health risks for employees and prevents polluted runoff from harming Washington’s streams, rivers, and Puget Sound.

As a result of pollution prevention assistance, Washington businesses:

- Adopt safer materials handling and storage practices.
- Manage interior and exterior drainage systems to reduce impacts to stormwater.
- Create a plan for spill prevention and preparedness.
- Use fewer toxics in their processes or replace toxic chemicals with safer alternatives.

Since the program began in 2008

More than 26,000 Completed visits
More than 32,000 Problems found
90% Problems resolved

Top 5 problems specialists find during visits
[Based on data collected July 2015–June 2017]

1. No or inadequate spill response procedures.
2. No or inadequate spill response materials.
3. Employees need proper training.
4. Other hazardous waste issues.
5. Need to implement proper housekeeping.

Top 5 business sectors where specialists find problems
[Based on data collected July 2015–June 2017]

- Auto repair shops
- Restaurants
- Construction contractors
- Gas stations
- Auto dealers
Current partner jurisdictions

Partners funded through the July 2017–June 2019 biennium are located in three critical areas—the Columbia River, Puget Sound, and the Spokane River.

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