ONLY RAIN DOWN THE DRAIN

Keep dirt and grime from washing into storm drains.

When it rains, runoff from your roof and parking areas can pick up harmful chemicals — from dirt swept from work areas or materials leaking from a dumpster. Almost none of the runoff is treated before it flows into our streams, rivers, lakes, and Puget Sound. Help ensure that only rain goes down the drain.

Follow these best business practices to keep your business and our waters healthy:

**FIND**
- Find your storm drains and mark them. Ask your local water/sewer utility for a stencil kit.
- Keep waste and debris out of storm drains on your property.
- Prevent wash water from going into storm drains.
- Keep waste and debris out of the street drain, too.

**COVER**
- Keep hazardous materials in closed, sturdy containers with labels.
- Place containers indoors or under cover.
- Keep dumpster lids closed.

**MAINTAIN**
- Promptly repair all leaking connections, pipes, hoses, and valves.
- Have your oil/water separator or catch basin cleaned regularly by a professional.

**PREPARE**
- Put drip pans where spills/leaks are most likely.
- Clearly label every container.
- Have a spill kit on site and train your workers how to use it.
- Use the least toxic material to get the job done.

**CLEAN**
- Clean up spills immediately.
- **Inside**: sweep up debris and dispose of properly. Don’t sweep it outdoors or wash it into a storm drain.
- **Outside**: Sweep and pick up debris on paved areas around your business — especially before heavy rains.
- Keep hazardous materials out of your dumpster. Contact your local waste disposal program for proper disposal: [http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/mrw/mrw_contacts.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/mrw/mrw_contacts.html)
- To find out if something can be recycled, visit [http://1800recycle.wa.gov/info.html](http://1800recycle.wa.gov/info.html)

Find out more about these best practices at [http://www.ecy.wa.gov/washington_waters/business.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/washington_waters/business.html). Or call a Stormwater or Dangerous Waste Specialist at your nearest Ecology regional office:

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