

## Make a Spill Plan

To help keep pollutants out of the storm drain, develop and implement a spill plan that ensures you and your employees know what to do in the event of a spill at your site.

For assistance in developing a spill plan and for a free spill kit, contact the Resource Venture at [www.resourceventure.org](http://www.resourceventure.org)

If you own a business in Seattle and conduct any type of outdoor activity, you are required to have a spill kit and spill plan in place.

Some examples of these activities include:

- Loading and Unloading of products
- Materials storage
- Parking



## Storm Drain Resources

### Never dump waste down a storm drain.

For information on the proper disposal of sediment found in your catch basins contact :

King County Business Waste line  
(206) 296-4692

### To report a spill that enters the storm drain:

Seattle Public Utilities Dispatch  
206-386-1800

### For free stormwater technical assistance

Resource Venture  
1109 1st Ave S  
Seattle, WA 98101  
(206)-343-8505  
[www.resourceventure.org](http://www.resourceventure.org)

ECOSS  
8201 10th ave S.  
Seattle, WA 98108  
(206)-767-0432  
[www.ecoss.org](http://www.ecoss.org)

### Do you know where your storm drains go?

You should! Determine whether your stormwater goes to the sewer system or directly to a nearby receiving waterway without treatment.

Call ECOSS for assistance: 206-767-0432

## **Storm Drain Maintenance**

### **Stormwater Education for Businesses**



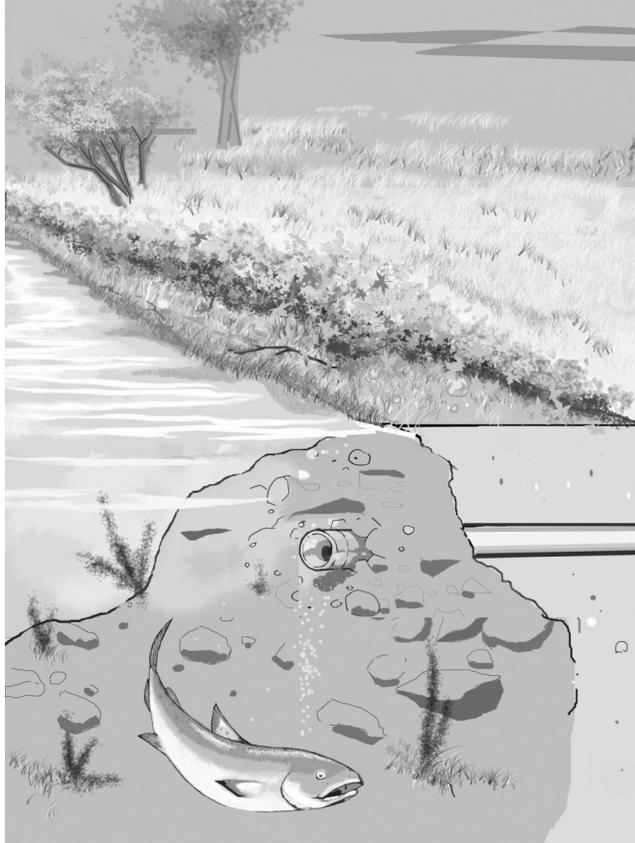
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between Seattle Public Utilities the  
Resource Venture and ECOSS*

## Why are clean storm drains important?

Most of the rain water that hits the ground ends up in our rivers, lakes, and the ocean. As the rain moves along the pavement it picks up harmful pollutants and takes them through storm drains, directly to our local waterways and to Puget Sound.

Storm drains are designed to keep pollutants from entering the drain system by trapping oils and debris in the sump. This is why it's important to periodically maintain your drainage system by removing the sediment and debris that has accumulated in the sump.

When storm drains are not regularly maintained, the pipes can clog and result in property flooding or the need for expensive repairs.



## Prevention is the Key

The cheapest way to maintain your drainage system is to keep pollutants and debris from reaching your system in the first place. Prevent pollutants and sediment from reaching your storm drains by setting up a schedule to:

- Sweep parking lots
- Close dumpster lids
- Move materials under cover
- Replenish spill response materials

### **Remember—Only Rain Down the Drain!**



Make sure there is a downturned elbow on your storm drain's outfall pipe (see diagram). Maintain at least 18 inches of space from the bottom of the elbow to the base of the catch basin. This will help to prevent oil and floating debris from reaching our local waterways.

## Maintain your drains

Set up a schedule for the cleaning of your drainage system. Did you know that the City's Stormwater Code requires that you inspect your drainage system every year and maintain it when the sediment depth is about 2/3 full?

Environmental Compliance Inspectors check for sediment depth and outlet traps during their inspections of businesses and drainage systems, so it's important to be sure that your system is in proper working order.



Visit [www.resourceventure.org](http://www.resourceventure.org) for a list of contractors who can clean out your drainage system.