

BUSINESS STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION

Best Management Practices: Concrete Contractors

Rain that falls on streets and parking lots, also known as stormwater, can carry oils, detergents, pesticides, and other toxic chemicals from the ground and into storm drains that lead straight to lakes, streams, or Puget Sound. This can pose health and safety risks to our community and environment.

As a business that mixes, pours and/or applies concrete/asphalt, it's your duty to prevent drips and spills from vehicles from polluting our waters.

Take action to prevent pollution at its source to keep our waters safe and clean!



Learn more about pollution prevention requirements in [Seattle's Stormwater Code](#).

Best Management Practices (BMPs) for Concrete Contracting Businesses



- ✓ Only clean concrete application tools, mixing equipment and concrete delivery vehicles in designated areas.
- ✓ Collect, treat, and properly dispose of wastewater created during cutting and cleaning operations. Discharge washwater to the sanitary sewer (with all necessary permits). (Manual Volume 4, BMPs 13 and 14)
- ✓ Sweep and collect loose aggregate chunks and dust for recycling/proper disposal at the end of each workday. Never hose down concrete or asphalt waste materials to an inlet/catch basin, ditch or receiving water body. (BMP 14)
- ✓ Use catch basin filter socks in and around stormwater drainage structures to filter out solids. Maintain these filters weekly or as needed. (BMP 14)
- ✓ Train staff to make sure that all outside materials that have the potential to leach or spill to the drainage system are covered, contained, or moved to an indoor location. (BMP 14)

See the [next page](#) for general BMPs to prevent stormwater pollution. ►



General Best Management Practices (BMPs)

BMPs are processes that businesses, individuals and responsible parties in Seattle should implement to prevent pollutants from contaminating stormwater runoff and entering receiving waters. General BMPs are required for all real property, and additional BMPs are recommended for specific pollution generating activities.



Find and Protect Onsite Storm Drains

Find where water will flow from your work site and protect your storm drains to prevent pollutants from entering local waterways. Best practice is to move activities that could release oils, chemicals, detergents, or other pollutants away from locations that could lead to a storm drain, and properly contain pollutants.



Train Employees

Ensure your staff are properly trained in the following key practices:

- How to safely store and use chemicals and hazardous materials so they do not pollute the ground, drains, or waterways
- What can be washed and where so that soap, soil, oil, and other chemicals do not enter storm drains
- How to create a spill plan and clean all spills promptly



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Prevent and Clean Up Spills

Create and follow your spill prevention and clean-up plan. A spill can be a one-time event, a continuous leak, or frequent small spills. All types must be addressed.

If you have a spill, call Seattle Public Utilities at (206) 386-1800.



Dispose of Fluids and Wastes

Responsible parties must properly dispose of solid and liquid waste, as well as contaminated stormwater and street waste. Depending on the type of waste, there are a few options for disposal:

1. Permitted centralized waste treatment facilities
2. Municipal solid waste and recycling facilities
3. Hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal facilities

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