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What is Stormwater?

Stormwater is rainwater and snowmelt. When stormwater flows across our parking lots and streets, it can pick up pollutants that are discharged directly into our rivers and streams through the storm drains located on streets and in parking lots. Any pollutants entering these drains flows untreated to the water bodies we use for drinking water, swimming, and fishing.

What is Stormwater Protection?

The objective in stormwater protection is that only rainwater and snow melt go down the storm drain. Best Management Practices (BMPs) are specific steps taken to prevent stormwater pollution as a result of day-to-day activities of street maintenance operations. All employees shall review this information sheet as a training tool, and make every effort to keep pollutants from going down the storm drain by putting the following BMPs into practice.

Fuel Spill Procedures

Stormwater Protection

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BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMPs)

IN CASE OF A FUEL SPILL

- **SHUT IT OFF!** Use the emergency shut off switch located near the fuel pumps.
- **LOCATE and PROTECT any storm drains or surface water** on site and assure that the spill does not reach drains or run-off site.
- **STOP IT!** If the spill or leak threatens to enter or flow into a storm drain inlet or surface water body, **contain the spill by using the Spill Kit located in the yellow drum by the pumps.**
 - For liquids, place absorbent pigs or socks in its pathway. Place absorbent pigs or socks around all threatened storm drain inlets before starting the clean up.
- **CALL** the designated spill response person on-site.
- If no number is listed near the pumps, tell someone on-site, your own supervisor, or **call 303-441-4444.**
- Call 911 in an emergency.
- **CLEAN IT UP!** Always use **Dry Methods** for spill clean up of spills of non-hazardous liquids (ex: diesel fuel). Never “wash-down” or “hose-down” spills or leaks.
 - 1) Spread absorbents (“kitty litter” or loose absorbents, sheets, pillows, pigs, or socks) on the spill.
 - 2) Sweep up or pick up the absorbed materials.
 - 3) Dispose of properly.

4) Clean up spills thoroughly and promptly. Delaying clean up allows for spreading of wastes by wind, rain and vehicle traffic and it is a safety hazard. If the spill clean up cannot be done immediately, assign someone to guard the area (or string WARNING tape) to prevent foot or vehicle traffic.

- **REPORT**

- If a spill or release escapes the boundaries of the facility or enters surface water, notify the local fire department and/or Boulder County Sheriff's Dispatch at **(303) 441-4444** and the CDPHE 24-hour emergency spill notification hotline at **1-(877) 518-5608**, immediately upon discovery.
- If the spill is **more than 25 gallons of petroleum**, it must be reported to State of Colorado Oil Inspector within 24 hours at **(303) 318-8547**. After normal business hours, contact the CDPHE Emergency Spill Reporting line 1-877-518-5608.
- If a spill or leak is of a hazardous substance that exceeds 1 quart or is of an unknown substance of any amount, notify 911 or County Dispatch at (303) 441-4444.

NOTE: If you are cleaning up a spill yourself, make sure you are aware of the hazards associated with the materials spilled, have adequate ventilation, and proper personal protective equipment. Treat all residual chemical and cleanup materials as hazardous waste.

Helpful Resources

See the PACE website for a list of helpful resource sheets
www.pacepartners.com

Keep It Clean Partnership

KICP is a collaborative approach in creating cost-effective solutions to implement a regional stormwater management program, not only to comply with Phase II regulations, but also to address broader water quality and watershed issues.

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