



# STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION

## Best Management Practices for the Commercial Property Industry

Water quality is important to all of us. The Town of Cary has storm drains that flow into our creeks, streams and lakes. Anything, other than rain that is discharged into our storm drains can have a negative impact on water quality.

We all have a role to play in protecting our finite natural resources. Please review the following best management practices that will help your business prevent illegal discharges.



### **Landscaping**

- Yard waste including leaves and grass clippings should not be blown into storm drains or drainage ways.
- Do not apply fertilizers or pesticides before a predicted rain or near a stream or pond.
- Sweep up fertilizer that falls onto paved surfaces back onto the lawn area.
- Do not hose down spills of liquid fertilizers and pesticides down the storm drain. Clean up spills with absorbents (kitty litter), brooms and other dry methods.

## **Trash and Recycling**

- To prevent rain from contacting trash and recycling, ensure that the lids are closed.
- To prevent drainage of liquids from dumpsters, ensure that drain plugs are in place and there are no holes that will leak.
- Ask your trash service provider to replace or repair damaged dumpsters.
- If waste generated exceeds dumpster capacity, ask the trash service provider to empty it more often.
- Ensure that the trash enclosure doors are closed. Ensure that the dumpster is not higher than the enclosure.

## **Restaurants and Food Preparation**

- Need to ensure that businesses that have food preparation have a grease trap installed. Contact Public Works and Utilities / Pretreatment at 469-4090 for requirements regarding installation and maintenance.
- Need to ensure that they have grease collection and that it is covered.

## **Leased Property Training**

- Provide this information to all business that lease space on the property.

For more information, contact Charles Brown, Town of Cary Stormwater Program Analyst, at (919) 469-4038 or visit the Stormwater Management section of [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org)