



# STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION

## Best Management Practices for the Vehicle Repair 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.



### **Housekeeping and Clean-up**

- Use dry absorbents and damp mop to clean the shop floors. Avoid hosing down shop floors and never allow the wash water to run outside.
- Sweep the parking lot and pick up trash regularly. Never hose down the outdoor paved area or rinse parts, equipment or other items where the water may enter the storm drain system.
- The wastewater from mopping and floor drains may be required to be sent to an oil/water separator before discharging to the sanitary sewer. Contact the Utility Pretreatment Manager at (919) 469-4090 for regulations regarding oil/water separators.

## **Material Storage and Waste Management**

- Store parts, equipment, drums, batteries and similar items where they are not exposed to stormwater.
- Do not pour automotive waste such as used fluids, solvents or other items into the sanitary sewer system.
- Ensure the hazardous wastes are stored and disposed of properly.
- Separate wastes for easier recycling.

## **Spills and Leaks**

- Regularly inspect vehicles and other equipment for leaks. Use drip pans to capture any leaks found.
- Use drip pan or absorbent pads when performing work that might generate drips or leaks.
- Stock a spill response kit to use in case a spill or leak occurs and train employees on its use.
- Clean up spills and leaks promptly to ensure minimal impact.
- Maintain equipment to prevent leaks.
- Report spills or leaks that enter the storm drain system to Charles Brown at 469-4038.

## **Employee Training**

- Train all employees on pollution prevention upon hiring and repeat annually.
- Post these Best Management Practices where employees can see them.

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