

# Building and Grounds Maintenance

## Clean Business Program



You are responsible for preventing contaminants from contacting stormwater runoff in areas where building or grounds maintenance is conducted during landscaping or cleaning activities.

### Why is Building & Grounds Maintenance a Concern?

Areas where building or grounds maintenance is conducted can contribute contaminants to runoff when measures have not been taken to prevent discharges. The overuse of pesticides and fertilizers, over-watering and inadequate erosion control may result in an illegal discharge.

**What can I do?** Implement Best Management Practices (BMPs).

- Train employees on BMPs, good housekeeping practices and spill response.
- Good housekeeping and proper maintenance will prevent most pollution.

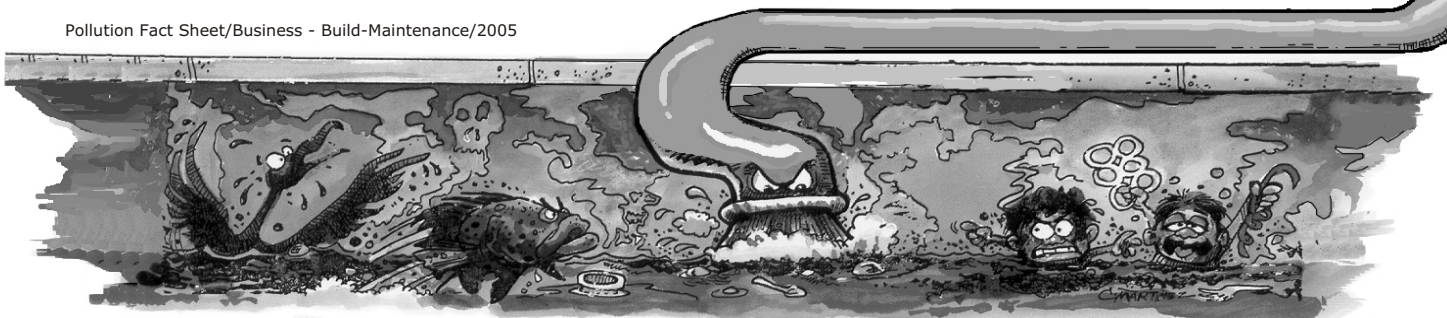
### Best Management Practices

Train all employees. It will create a safer workplace and reduce the chance of any legal enforcement. Your success depends on well-trained staff.

- Utilize native vegetation to reduce water, fertilizer or pesticide needs.
- Keep stockpiles covered. Use tarps under excavated soils or pallets of landscape materials to ease clean-up and keep materials off the ground.
- Use landscaping pesticides and fertilizers only as needed and apply as directed.
- Avoid over-watering to prevent excess runoff.
- Use integrated pest management (IPM) where appropriate.
- Sweep paved surfaces, rather than hosing down or using blowers.
- Properly contain and dispose of wastewater, sweepings and sediments.
- Use non-toxic substitute for chemicals when possible.
- Regularly inspect and properly clean storm drains.
- Control litter by sweeping and picking up trash on a regular basis.
- Never discharge wastewater to the storm drain. Discharge it to the sanitary sewer after contacting your local wastewater treatment plant to find out if pre-treatment is required.
- Clean up spills immediately to minimize safety hazards and prevent illegal discharges to the storm drain system.

For more information on preventing stormwater pollution visit: [www.vcstormwater.org](http://www.vcstormwater.org) or call \_\_\_\_\_

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# Building Repair, Remodeling & Construction

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You are responsible for preventing contaminants from contacting stormwater runoff in areas where building repair, remodeling and construction activities are conducted.

### Why is Construction & Repair a Concern?

Areas where building repair, remodeling and minor construction are conducted can contribute contaminants to runoff when measures have not been taken to prevent illegal discharges.

**What can I do?** Implement Best Management Practices (BMPs).

- Train employees on BMPs, good housekeeping practices and spill response.
- Good housekeeping and proper maintenance will prevent most pollution.

### Best Management Practices

Train all employees. It will create a safer workplace and reduce the chance of any legal enforcement. Your success depends on a well-trained staff.

- Use soil erosion control techniques when bare ground is temporarily or permanently exposed.
- Enclose painting operations, consistent with local air quality operations.
- Properly store and dispose of generated waste materials.
- Properly store materials that are normally used in repair and remodeling such as paints and solvents.
- Keep stockpiles covered. Maintain a wet-vac and sandbags on site to contain spills before they reach the gutter.
- Sweep paved surfaces, rather than hosing down or using blowers.
- Maintain clean/wash-out areas and properly dispose wastewater.
- Properly contain and dispose of wastewater, sweepings and sediments.
- Use non-toxic substitutes for chemicals when possible.
- Regularly inspect and properly clean storm drains.
- Maintain good housekeeping practices while work is underway.
- Control litter by sweeping and picking up trash on a regular basis.
- Clean up spills immediately to minimize safety hazards and prevent illegal discharges to the storm drain system.

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