Waste Management and Disposal

Clean Business Program



You are responsible for properly managing all areas where solid, liquid, or hazardous wastes are handled, stored or disposed of to prevent pollutants from contaminating stormwater runoff.

Why is Waste Management and Disposal a Concern?

Your facility can contribute contaminants to stormwater runoff if wastes are not managed and disposed of properly. Poor waste management 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 a well-trained staff.

- Cover and berm waste storage areas.
- Keep outside areas (dumpsters, parking lots, etc.) free of trash and debris.
- Store wastes indoors when possible.
- Keep waste containers covered.
- Regularly inspect and clean grease traps.
- Use non-toxic substitutes for chemicals when possible.
- Recycle food grease, cleaning solutions, oil, antifreeze, batteries and fluids.
- Sweep parking lots or other surfaces to remove debris blown on-site.
- Store liquids in a designated area on a paved impervious surface within a covered secondary containment. Keep outdoor storage containers in good condition.
- Regularly inspect and properly clean storm drains.
- Clean up spills immediately to minimize safety hazards and prevent discharges to the storm drain system.

For more information on preventing stormwater pollution visit: www.vcstormwater.org or call



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Waste Recycling & Disposal Reference Guide

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You are responsible to implement measures to detect, correct and enforce against illegal dumping of pollutants onto streets, gutters, water and the storm drain system.

Why is Proper Disposal so Important?

Properly dispose of wastes, and recycle when possible, to eliminate illegal discharges. Reduce, reuse and recycle hazardous and non-hazardous wastes when possible, to lower your disposal costs and the amount of waste entering our landfills. Participate in waste exchange opportunities to decrease the waste you generate and to save money and resources.

Who Can I Call to Get Information? For general information on Ventura County recycling and disposal programs visit: www.wasteless.org

Non-Hazardous Waste Recycling - Call the Ventura County 24-hour Recycling Hotline at 805.654.3935 or visit their website at: www.wasteless.org/recycleguide/recyclegde.html

Household Hazardous Waste - Visit www.wasteless.org/index2.html#hhwrdf for information on upcoming collection events or to find a list of recycling and reuse facilities throughout Ventura County.

VC MAX Materials Exchange - Call 805.654.2477 or visit: www.vcmax.org for more information on the *free* countywide service designed to keep viable, reusable goods out of local landfills. This program promotes reuse and waste reduction; helps to reduce participant's disposal costs; and provides residents, non-profits, and local businesses with an opportunity to "reuse" items that others no longer want or need.

Recycling & Waste Reduction Assistance for Businesses - Call 805.654.3506 or visit:

www.wasteless.org/buswst.html for more information on this *free* consultation service provided by the Ventura County Environmental & Energy Resources Department to businesses in the unincorporated areas of Ventura County. Businesses located within city limits should contact their city recycling offices for assistance.

Wastewater Awards Program for Businesses - Call 805.289.3506 or visit:

www.wasteless.org/awards.html for more information on this countywide program designed to acknowledge businesses and non-profit organizations that are reducing waste.

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