

# “STORM WATCH”

## STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION AND BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMP’S)

Since the passage of the Clean Water Act in 1972, the quality of our Nation’s waters has improved dramatically. However, despite this progress, degraded waterbodies such as streams, rivers, and lakes still exist with the leading source attributed to polluted stormwater runoff.

In the City of Bremerton, stormwater pollution prevention measures, also known as Best Management Practices or “BMP’s,” are required to ensure that run-off is not polluted by chemicals/oils, washwater, dumping and sewage wastes. This fact sheet is designed to help employees at the City of Bremerton understand and implement proper work practices that protect water quality by preventing illegal discharges of waste.

**Here is how you can protect water quality:**



### **BMP # 1: Good Housekeeping**

- ✓ Keep your work area neat and orderly – do not let scrap or waste accumulate
- ✓ Keep unused containers closed tightly
- ✓ Use a drip pan temporarily – clean up drips and spills immediately

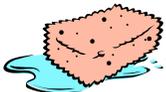
### **BMP # 2: Outdoor Materials Storage**

- ✓ Store materials out of rainfall – keep lids on all containers and label them correctly
- ✓ Avoid loading/unloading during poor weather or load/unload under a roof



### **BMP #3: Spill Response**

- ✓ NEVER hose or wash down a spill into the street, ditch or storm drain
- ✓ Use a “dry” clean-up method like sweeping or spreading an absorbent
- ✓ Protect storm drains – place an absorbent or blockage between the spill and drain
- ✓ Dispose of clean-up wastes properly – ensure hazardous wastes go in proper container



### **BMP #4: Vehicle & Equipment Fueling and Repair**

- ✓ Stay with vehicles while fueling – avoid overfilling or “topping off”
- ✓ Move leaking vehicles and equipment indoors
- ✓ Use a drip pan to catch temporary leaks until they can be fixed



### **BMP #5: Outdoor Manufacturing and Maintenance**

- ✓ Use a drop cloth or tarp to catch dust & scraps
- ✓ Clean-up scrap, drips and residues by sweeping after each shift



### **BMP #6: Waste Management**

- ✓ NEVER use storm drains/ditches for waste disposal – avoid and report illegal dumping
- ✓ Close the lid or place a cover on all waste containers

