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Stormwater Pollution Prevention Practices for Tempe Businesses

Storm water pollution prevention is everybody's business. Tempe's parks and urban lakes are home to several water bodies that participate in the Arizona Game and Fish Department's Urban Fishing Program. Tempe's nine drinking water wells deliver 2.12 billion gallons of drinking water to Tempe residents and visitors annually. Tempe Town Lake draws more visitors annually than any other attraction in Arizona, with the exception of the Grand Canyon. Help keep Tempe's urban parks, lakes and drinking water aquifers clean!. Some suggested Best Management Practices (BMPs) you can use at your business are listed below:

General

- Prevent spills and leaks. Clean up promptly when spills do occur. Clean up without water if possible. Dispose of spill material properly.
- Sweep parking lots and outdoor storage areas regularly. Pick up debris and dispose of properly, do not sweep into gutter or storm drain inlet. Only wash paved surfaces that have no evidence of oil, spills or other potential pollutants and do so in a manner consistent with Arizona Department of Environmental Quality requirements for DeMinimis discharges.
- Maintain landscaping properly. Don't sweep or blow wastes into gutter or drain inlet.
- Wash vehicles and equipment in designated areas.
- Train employees to consider runoff pollution before performing outdoor activities.
- Never dispose of wash water to the storm drain system. Properly dispose of it into the sanitary sewer (sink or toilet). Report illegal dumping to the storm drain system by calling (480) 350-2811 or file online at:

<http://www.tempe.gov/stormwaterstormwatercomplaintform.htm>

Storage

- Cover areas where potential pollutants are stored. Keep these materials covered, labeled and stored in appropriate containers.



- Store and dispose of wastes properly.
- Make sure solid waste containers are in good condition and secured. Preferably, keep all solid waste containers inside and away from water exposure. If it is necessary to keep containers outside be sure they are covered.

Recycle

- Recycle items when possible including: batteries, oil and filters, tires, fluids, and wash water.

Employee and Public Education

- Train employees on pollution prevention practices and post best management practices (BMPs) around service areas and near customer areas.

City of Tempe Stormwater Program Reminder:

It is a violation of the City of Tempe Code to cause or allow a non-stormwater discharge to a stormwater drain. For more information, please see Section 12-125(a) of the Tempe Stormwater Ordinance or Tempe's Stormwater Management Program at <http://www.tempe.gov/stormwater/managementplan.htm>.

As required by Tempe's new stormwater permit, Environmental Compliance Inspectors have significantly increased commercial and industrial stormwater inspections. If you would like to schedule an inspection at your facility, please call (480) 350-2678.

