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## **Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMP's)**

Follow these BMPs to control pollutant discharges. The objectives are: 1) to keep pollutants from contacting rain, and 2) to keep pollutants from being dumped or poured into storm drains. The goal is “only rain in the drain”

- Sweep parking lots frequently, at least weekly, daily is preferable. Small areas can be swept with a broom, whereas larger areas may need a vacuum truck or mechanical sweeper. Dispose of sweepings properly.
- Post signs to control litter and prevent patrons from working with automobile fluids in your parking lot (changing oil, adding transmission fluid, etc.). You could be liable for the mess on your property!
- Use absorbent material to clean up automotive fluids on the parking lot. Dispose of the absorbent properly. Read the instructions on the container or Material Safety Data Sheet for disposal instructions.
- Pick up litter daily, dispose of debris in the garbage.
- Keep dumpster and trash cans covered and areas free of litter.
- Wash water from all cleaning operations must be discharged to the sanitary sewer.
- If cleaning with water and detergent is needed, use a mobile washing unit that is self contained; do not allow wash water (whether or not it is soapy) to discharge to the storm drain system.
- If using a self –contained mobile cleaner is not possible, collect the washwater and dispose in indoor sinks or drains for discharge to the sanitary sewer. Contact the Westchester County Department of Environmental Facilities for approval.
- Stencil any storm drains on the property with “No Dumping”
- If you do not have one, prepare a plan of your parking area indicating where stormwater catch basins are located and where they flow to.
- Clean storm drains at least once a year, preferably in the Spring. Dispose of materials properly.