

When rain falls and snow melts, the runoff produced picks up a variety of contaminants such as oil, metals, salts, pet waste, fertilizer, and grass clippings as it flows over roofs, roadways, sidewalks and lawns. Stormwater runoff ultimately flows into storm drains.  
**Remember: storm drains lead directly to our local rivers and streams.**

## HOW DO AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE BUSINESSES CONTRIBUTE TO STORMWATER POLLUTION?

- Incorrect storage of used and new vehicle fluids.
- Spills and leaks from auto maintenance such as, oil, gasoline, chemicals, grease and paint.
- Improper cleaning of work sites.

### BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMP):

Behaviors and practices used by individuals and businesses to prevent or reduce stormwater pollution impacts.



### CHEMICAL SPILLS

- Never hose gas, oil or other chemical spills down the drain.



### CONTROL LITTER

- Be sure workspace and surrounding areas such as parking lots are free of litter, debris and scraps that could end up in storm drains.



### SPILL KITS

- Be sure to have properly stocked spill kits on hand.



### EDUCATE STAFF

- Teach staff proper handling, storage and disposal of supplies, proper use of a spill kit, and where storm drains are located on the property.



### DRY MOP METHOD

- Use a dry mop to soak up spills or cover in sawdust or kitty litter and sweep it up once dry.



### CHEMICAL DISPOSAL

- Practice proper disposal of chemicals and automotive fluids.

