



STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION

Best Management Practices for the Landscape Industry

Water quality is important to all of us. The Town of Cary has storm drains that flow into our creeks, streams and lakes. Anything, other than rain that is discharged into our storm drains can have a negative impact on water quality.

We all have a role to play in protecting our finite natural resources. Please review the following best management practices that will help your business prevent illegal discharges.



Yard Waste

- Never dispose of yard waste along creek banks or into storm drains.
- Blow leaves and grass clippings back into yards instead of leaving them in street or sidewalk to wash down into the storm drain.

Fertilizer and Pesticide Application

- Avoid applying fertilizers and pesticides near streams or ponds.
- Conduct soil tests to determine the correct amount to apply.
- Calibrate applicators to avoid over fertilizing.
- Use slow release type fertilizers to keep from leaching quickly.
- Sweep up fertilizers that have settled on hard surfaces.
- Read and follow label directions and MSDS sheets for proper use, storage and disposal.

Storage and Disposal

- Triple rinse containers before disposing of them. Pour rinse water into a landscaped area where it will absorb into the soil. Never pour rinse water onto a paved area or down a storm drain.
- Store containers where they are not exposed to stormwater and preferably within secondary containment that will capture leaks and spills.

Spills and Leaks

- When transporting product containers on a vehicle, properly secure the containers so that a spill does not occur.
- Carry spill response materials on business vehicles in case a spill occurs.
- Do not hose down outside spills. Use absorbents (kitty litter) and dry cleanup methods instead.
- Maintain equipment (tanks, hoses and fittings) to prevent leaks.
- Report spills or leaks to Charles Brown at 469-4038.

Employee Training

- Train all employees on pollution prevention upon hiring and repeat annually.
- Post these Best Management Practices where employees can see them.

For more information, contact Charles Brown, Town of Cary Stormwater Program Analyst, at (919) 469-4038 or visit the Stormwater Management section online at www.townofcary.org