

Retail Gas Stations

Stormwater Pollution Prevention

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Best Management Practices (BMPs)

Stormwater can carry salt used to clear snow and ice from sidewalks and parking lots. Salt helps keep surfaces free from ice but can have a negative effect on the environment. You can help reduce the amount of salt used by following smart salting strategies, which will save money as well as reduce damage to infrastructure, vehicles, plants and water supplies. Your business can help keep Stormwater ponds, ditches and the Red River clean by applying the following tips.

- Cleanup spills as soon as they occur. Use dry methods such as rags or absorbent materials and dispose of properly.
- Mark the storm drains near your facility. Contact Fargo-Moorhead River Keepers about the storm drain marking program.

Fuel, Air, and Water Dispensing Areas

- Fueling areas should NEVER be hosed down unless the wash water is contained and disposed of into the sanitary sewer.
- Have spill containment and absorbents readily available for any spill that may occur.

Trash Areas

Minimize the possibility of stormwater pollution from outside trash bins by doing the following.

- Use only watertight bins and keep lids closed.
- Install a berm around the waste bin.
- Install a roof over the waste bin area.

Automatic Car Washes

- Discharges from automatic car washes to the storm sewer are a PROHIBITED discharge.
- Use biodegradable, phosphate free water based cleaner whenever possible.
- Clearly label materials and store hazardous materials securely.

Charity Car Wash

Hosting charitable car washes is not illegal; however any wash water generated on site must stay onsite. Wash water must be contained, collected and disposed of to the sanitary sewer system.

Consider sponsoring car wash vouchers for your automatic car wash and share the proceeds with the organization.

Did you know that storm drains are not connected to the sanitary sewer or wastewater treatment plant. Storm drains flow directly to local stormwater ponds, ditches and the Red River. The primary purpose of the storm sewer system is to carry rainwater and snowmelt away from developed areas to prevent flooding. Stormwater pollution comes from a variety of sources, including grease spills, dirt, debris, automotive fluids, pet waste, pesticides, and other hazardous materials. Cass County Government is committed to improving water quality and reducing the amount of pollution entering waterways.

