

Is Your Business Stormwater Friendly?

The storm drainage system carries polluted stormwater runoff straight to our waterways. Improper practices on business property can pollute our waterways and result in costly fines.

USE THIS SELF-INSPECTION CHECKLIST to determine if your business is preventing stormwater pollution and complying with local & state stormwater regulations.



Questions?

Call Stormwater Compliance: 910-341-0092

Or visit: www.wilmingtonnc.gov/stormwater Click on "Stormwater Regulations"

Report Stormwater Pollution

Hotline #: 910-341-1020

Online: www.wilmingtonnc.gov/reportstormwaterpollution



Good **Needs Improvement**

OUTDOORS/AROUND BUSINESS PROPERTY

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Pressure washing or cleaning equipment/vehicles outdoors is done without soap or chemicals, using plain water. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | All outdoor areas and parking lots are kept clean of litter, motor oil, antifreeze and anything that can wash into our waterways. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Debris such as leaves, grass clippings, pinestraw, sediment, and trash are not swept or blown into streets, storm drains or ditches. All ditches and drainage ways are kept clear of obstructions.
Improper disposal of debris can result in a \$250 fine. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Dumpster lids are kept closed and plugs are in place. Check regularly for possible leaks and make sure dumpsters are not located near storm drains. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Hazardous materials, chemicals or supplies are not stored outdoors where they can be exposed to rain or vandalism. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | All employees are trained on proper waste control and disposal procedures and to prevent and clean-up spills. A spill kit is kept on site containing dry, absorbent materials, such as a mop and kitty litter.
Do not use water to rinse off a spill! |

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INDOORS/HOUSEKEEPING

Waste materials are **properly disposed of** or **recycled**. Read product labels for appropriate disposal methods.

- Common recyclables include paper, cardboard, plastic, ink cartridges, & computers.
- Cooking oils and grease from businesses should be placed in an appropriate grease recycling container. If outdoors, the area should be kept clean and grease-free.
- Motor oil, antifreeze, other fluids and vehicle batteries should be recycled or disposed of properly.

Mop water and dirty water containing soaps and other contaminants is poured down **appropriate indoor drains, not outdoors**. Rinsing equipment such as trash cans and kitchen mats is done in a mop sink or janitorial sink so that **washwater is not released outdoors on the ground**.

Make sure building floor drains are not connected to the storm drainage system. Older buildings are more likely to have an improper connection. If you are unsure, the city can help your business find out and disconnect.

All employees are educated on how to prevent stormwater pollution.

Records are kept up-to-date for all routine maintenance, inspection, corrective actions, and employee training.

OTHER POLLUTION PREVENTION IDEAS FOR YOUR BUSINESS

Minimize impervious (hard) surfaces and **increase natural areas** that absorb stormwater and allow it to soak in. Avoid damaging or removing plants and vegetation, especially around waterways.

Reduce or eliminate the use of fertilizer, pesticides and other chemicals on landscaping.

Divert roof downspouts, air conditioning condensate pipes, and other water into grassy areas instead of directly onto pavement. Soak it in!

Use **rain barrels** or **cisterns** to capture and store rainwater for irrigating the landscape.

Collect and dispose of pet waste properly. Pet waste contains bacteria that pollutes waterways and endangers public health.

Non-compliance with the pet waste ordinance can result in a **\$250** fine.



BE the SOLUTION to water pollution!

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