

Required BMPs for All Commercial Properties

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

The following BMPs are required if you own or occupy commercial, industrial, agricultural, public, or multifamily residential property in unincorporated King County.


1

Clean Your Storm Drainage System

Maintain your storm drainage system by removing sediment and other debris to prevent the transport of pollutants into receiving waters. The storm drainage system includes all drains, catch basins, pipes, ditches, gutters, and flow control and water quality facilities.



See BMP Info Sheet 7 in Chapter 5 for details on drainage system maintenance.


2

Eliminate Illicit Connections to the Storm Drainage System

A common situation that can cause severe stormwater pollution problems is discharge of non-stormwater to the storm drainage system. Examples are discharges from internal floor drains, appliances, industrial processes, sinks, and toilets. These are sometimes illegally or inadvertently connected or drained to the nearby storm drainage system. These discharges must go to the sanitary sewer system, a holding tank, an on-site process water treatment system, or a septic system. You must correct these illicit discharges. If you have any questions as to whether your discharge is allowable, contact the King County Water and Land Resources Division at 206-296-1900.



See BMP Info Sheet 1 in Chapter 5 for information on how to check for illicit connections. You can also ask for help from your local sewer utility. If you find out that your internal drains are

improperly connected to the storm drainage system, they will need to be either removed, permanently plugged, or connected to the sanitary sewer, septic system, on-site treatment system, or a holding tank.



Stencil Your Storm Drains

Stencil or apply storm drain markers adjacent to storm drains to help prevent the improper disposal of pollutants. Storm drain inlets should have messages such as “Dump No Waste - Drains to Stream” applied next to the catch basin to warn against the intentional dumping or discharge of pollutants. If the metal catch basin grate has been cast with this message, marking the drains is still recommended, but may not be required unless evidence is found that pollutants are being dumped or washed to the storm drains.

For more information or assistance in implementing these best management practices, contact the King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks Water and Land Resources Division at 206-296-1900.

Reader Note: The above requirements are the minimum required BMPs. If these BMPs fail to prevent discharges to the storm drainage system, you will be asked to take additional measures to correct the continued pollution discharges.