

A-31 Vehicle and Equipment Parking and Storage

Best Management Practices (BMPs) are required by King County Code 9.12. If the BMPs included here are not enough to prevent contamination of stormwater, you will be required to take additional measures.

Required BMPs:

- Sweep parking lots, storage areas, and driveways as needed to collect dirt, waste, and debris. Do not hose down the area to the storm drainage system.
- Clean up vehicle and equipment fluid drips and spills immediately.
- Place drip pans below inoperative or leaking vehicles and equipment, including employee vehicles.
- Collect and discharge wash water to a sanitary sewer or haul for offsite disposal if washing/pressure washing of the parking lot occurs. There are businesses that will clean parking lots and collect water for off-site disposal. Never drain wash water to the storm drainage system.
- Follow basic sediment controls as outlined in Appendix D (“Erosion and Sediment Control Standards”) of the King County Surface Water Design Manual for gravel and dirt lots. These types of parking lots may require additional BMPs to prevent sediment laden water from leaving your site.

Supplemental BMPs:

- Encourage employees to repair leaking personal vehicles.
- Encourage employees to carpool or use public transit through incentives.
- Encourage customers to use public transit by rewarding valid transit pass holders with discounts.
- Install catch basin inserts to collect excess sediment and oil if necessary. Inspect and maintain catch basin inserts to ensure they are working correctly.

Additional Information:

- Disposal Information Sheet
- Catch Basin Insert Information Sheet

For more information or assistance contact the King County Stormwater Services at 206-477-4811 and visit kingcounty.gov/stormwater.