

A-14: Interior Washing Operations (Including Mobile Contractors)

Potential pollutants can include but are not limited to nutrients, oil and grease, pH, sediment, and other pollutants.

Best management practices (BMPs) are required by King County Water Quality Code (KCC 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

- All wash and rinse water (including floor mop water) must be discharged to the sanitary sewer or septic system. It may not be discharged outdoors or into the stormwater drainage system.
- Do not dispose of wash or rinse water containing floor stripping or disinfectant chemicals into the septic system as they can seriously inhibit wastewater treatment and cause the system to fail. The wash or rinse water should be collected and hauled offsite for proper disposal (e.g., taken to a wastewater treatment facility).
- The use of “environmentally friendly”, “nontoxic” or “biodegradable” soaps and detergents does NOT make it acceptable to discharge to any stormwater drain system or surface waters. All soaps are harmful to aquatic organisms.
- Do not dispose of sludge (thick, wet, viscous mixture; e.g., accumulated food debris cleaned from surface of equipment) outdoors or into the stormwater drainage system.

Additional Information

- *Stormwater Pollution Prevention Manual*, Chapter 5: Information Sheets
 - [Disposal](#)
- Contact the local sewer authority and the King County Wastewater Treatment Division Industrial Waste Section at 206-477-5371 for more information on disposal to the sanitary sewer system.

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