

## A-31: Parking Lots, Driveways and Outside Storage Areas

*Potential pollutants can include but are not limited to hydrocarbons, metals, oil and grease, 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 surface water and stormwater, you will be required to take additional measures.

### Required BMPs

- Sweep areas as needed to collect dirt, waste, debris, and spilled material. Do not hose down areas to the stormwater drainage system or surface waters.
- Clean up vehicle and equipment fluid drips and spills immediately using absorbent materials.
- Place drip pans under leaking vehicles and equipment, including employee vehicles, until the vehicle/equipment no longer leaks. Properly dispose of accumulated leaked fluids.
- Pressure wash water from paved areas must be collected and disposed of to the sanitary sewer or hauled for offsite disposal, even if soaps, detergents, or cleaners are not used. If the surface to be pressure washed is not utilized by automotive equipment or machinery, see activity sheet A-15: Washing of Building, Rooftops and Other Large Surfaces.
- There are businesses that will clean parking lots and collect water for off-site disposal. Never drain wash water to the stormwater 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.
- Install catch basin inserts to collect excess sediment and oil, if necessary. Inspect and maintain catch basin inserts regularly to ensure they are working correctly.

### Additional Information

- *Stormwater Pollution Prevention Manual*, Chapter 3: Commercial and Multifamily BMPs
  - [A-3: Storage of Liquid Materials in Portable Containers](#)
  - [A-15: Washing of Buildings, Rooftops, and Other Large Surfaces](#)
- *Stormwater Pollution Prevention Manual*, Chapter 5: Information Sheets
  - [Catch Basin Insert](#)
  - [Disposal](#)

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