

A-32: Sidewalk Maintenance

Potential pollutants can include but are not limited to fecal coliform bacteria, hydrocarbons, metals, oil and grease, oxygen demanding substances, PCBs, pH, and sediment.

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 sidewalks as needed to collect loose dirt and debris rather than blowing or pushing it into the street or gutter or hosing it down. Collected materials must be disposed of as solid waste.
- Clean individual stains instead of washing the entire sidewalk, if possible.
- Collect wash water and dispose of into the sanitary sewer or take off-site for appropriate disposal if soaps or other cleaners are used. If only water is used, then install a catch basin insert or filter cloth in order to collect all solids and debris.
- Use a minimum amount of sand or deicing salts and sweep up any remaining granules when the snow and ice have melted.

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](#)
 - [A-31: Parking Lots, Driveways and Outside Storage Areas](#)
- *Stormwater Pollution Prevention Manual*, Chapter 5: Information Sheets
 - [Containment](#)
 - [Disposal](#)

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