

# BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR GAS STATIONS AND AUTOMOBILE REPAIR FACILITIES

Auto maintenance and repair activities use petroleum products and hazardous substances in fueling and vehicle servicing. Fuel dispensing areas, trash bins, air/water supply areas, repair shops, and car washes can accumulate automotive fluids, grease, trash, and other harmful water pollutants. When it rains, storm water runoff washes these contaminants into the storm drain system, which discharges untreated flows directly into our waters - the same streams, lakes, and ocean where we play, swim, and fish.

Any commercial, industrial, or construction business discharging waste or waste water into the storm drain system may be subject to fines and cleanup costs. Any non-permitted disposal into the storm drain system is an illegal discharge.

Report illegal discharges to Hernando County Stormwater Management at (352) 754-4062.

## What are Best Management Practices?

Best Management Practices, also known as **BMPs**, are structures or procedures that prevent or reduce the amount of potential pollutants from reaching our state waters.

### Simple Ways to Prevent Pollution:

- Designate an area away from storm drain inlets for replacing motor oil, coolant, and other fluids. Do not pour liquid wastes into floor drains, sinks, or outdoor drains or sewer connections.
- Keep dumpster lids closed to prevent rainwater from entering them.



- Place used oil receptacles under cover to avoid exposure to rain and provide secondary containment to capture any leaks.



- Obtain a spill kit and dispose of used absorption materials properly.
- Create a Spill Response Team and train employees regularly.
- Dry sweep or use absorbent materials when cleaning spills; do not spray or hose down spills into the storm drains.



- Clearly label and securely store hazardous materials; cover products and stockpiled materials from the rain or store indoors.
- Minimize use of solvents, or use water-based solvents and phosphate-free detergents.
- Use secondary containment when storing batteries and hazardous liquids; keep liquid wastes segregated. Contact a licensed hazardous waste hauler for disposal.
- Contain vehicle wash water (including water from charity car washes) onsite and away from storm drains. Consider sponsoring car wash vouchers for your automatic car wash and sharing the proceeds with the organization.



# We Keep it Clean Using the 4Cs



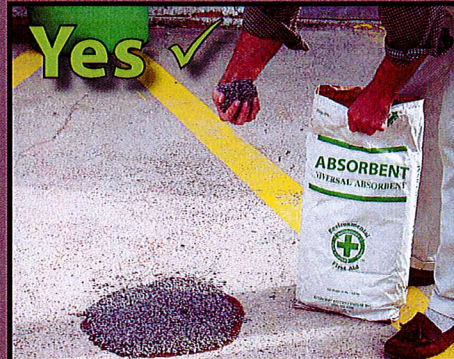
## Cover

Cover outdoor work and storage areas



## Capture

Capture fluids before they run to the drain



## Clean

Clean up spills before they reach the drain



## Contain

Contain stored fluids to capture leaks



No



No



No



No

Hernando Co. Stormwater

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## Only Rain Down the Drain

No Oil • No Suds • No Paint • No Chemicals

Even small amounts can pollute our waterways