

# Auto Recycling Facilities

## Stormwater Best Management Practices



Storm drains are found in our streets and parking lots. You probably walk by a few of them a day, but just don't think much about them. Storm drains are put in place to gather stormwater runoff and bring to our local waterways (rivers, lakes, washes, and retention basins). Storm drains don't remove any pollution before entering our waterways. Stormwater runoff is now one of the leading causes of water pollution in the United States. Stormwater will pick up dirt, trash, oil, grease, chemicals, and other pollutants as it flows over parking lots and streets. So, if auto recycling facilities aren't careful, they could be harming the environment. With the right knowledge, staff can prevent pollution from entering storm drains, therefore, helping to improve the water quality in local waterways.

## What Can I Do?

- Drain fluids from vehicles and parts as soon as possible.
- Do not dispose of fluids in sinks or storm drains; store in sealed containers indoors or under cover prior to disposal.
- Dismantle and store vehicles and parts in areas that are paved, covered, and bermed.
- Place drip pans under leaking vehicles; empty and clean regularly.
- Use secondary containment to avoid spills.
- Wash or rinse parts indoors, in designated, contained areas.
- Clean-up any spills using dry clean-up methods.
- Store batteries indoors in a contained area until they can be recycled.
- Remove any switches containing mercury prior to crushing; store and dispose of properly.
- Inspect the facility regularly; repair or replace and damaged containment areas or storage containers.
- Train employees in best management practices and spill clean-up procedures.



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