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

Stormwater runoff (rainwater and snow melt) is the largest source of pollution to our lakes, streams and Puget Sound. King County requires businesses to implement measures to protect our shared waters. If the requirements below do not prevent pollution, additional measures are necessary.

## 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.
- Drain non-operational vehicles and equipment of all fluids if stored outside.
- 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

- Potential pollutants can include: hydrocarbons—such as gasoline and diesel, metals, oil and grease, sediment, and other pollutants.
- *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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