A-32: Sidewalk Maintenance

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 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

- Potential pollutants can include: fecal coliform bacteria, hydrocarbons—such as gasoline and diesel, metals, oil and grease, oxygen demanding substances, PCBs, pH, and sediment.
- *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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