# A-36: Logging and Log Yards

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.

The following best management practices (BMPs) apply to activities that fall under the classification of Class IV General Forest Practices, where timber harvesting is done in the process of converting forest lands into other land uses, such as forest cutting for construction of homes.

## Required BMPs

- Comply with King County Code 21A.24 (Critical Areas) requirements for logging near streams, wetlands, and other sensitive areas, and the *King County Surface Water Design Manual* requirements for the clearing and grading of sites.
- Apply for coverage under the Washington State Department of Ecology's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

## Additional Information

- Potential pollutants can include: hydrocarbons—such as gasoline and diesel, nutrients, oil and grease, oxygen demanding substances, PCBs, and sediment.

*For more information or assistance contact the King County Stormwater Services at 206–477–4811 and visit kingcounty.gov/stormwater.*