

A-51: Mobile Businesses and Vendors

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 businesses that operate or perform a service at locations designated by the customer, not at a fixed location. Mobile businesses and vendors include: construction services—such as plumbers, painters, electricians, and carpenters; appliance and equipment repair and installation; cleaning and washing services—such as carpet cleaning and pressure/power washing operations; animal services—such as dog grooming and veterinarian; landscaping; vehicle repair/maintenance and washing/detailing; disposal and recycling services including solid waste, wastewater and used cooking oil; mobile food trucks; delivery services and mobile fueling operations.

The BMPs below are a summary of actions required by mobile businesses. For specific BMPs related to your business' activities, please refer to the *Stormwater Pollution Prevention Manual*, Chapter 3: Commercial and Multifamily BMPs.

If performing construction, demolition or exterior surface washing (pressure washing, steam cleaning or similar) services, refer to BMP activity sheets A-15: Washing of Buildings, Rooftops, and Other Large Surfaces, A-28: Demolition of Buildings, A-29: Building Repair, Remodeling, and Construction, and A-58: Pressure Washing, Steam Cleaning, and Similar Activities.

Required BMPs

- Do not dump any substance, wash water or liquid waste on the pavement, ground or into the stormwater drainage system. If wash water cannot be discharged to a sanitary sewer onsite, store the wash water in a bucket with a tight-fitting lid and properly dispose of it offsite.
- The use of “environmentally friendly”, “nontoxic” or “biodegradable” soaps and detergents does NOT make it acceptable to discharge to stormwater drainage systems or surface waters. All soaps and detergents are harmful to aquatic organisms.
- Hazardous waste (flammable, corrosive, toxic or corrosive) must be disposed of properly. Do not dispose of the waste down the sanitary sewer. Visit King County’s [Business Waste Resources](#) for a list waste drop-off locations and accepted materials.
- A spill kit is required for all mobile businesses and vendors who perform any of the pollutant generating activities within King County’s *Stormwater Pollution Prevention Manual*. Restock spill cleanup materials as needed.
- Businesses required to have a spill kit must also complete a spill response and cleanup plan and store it with the cleanup materials.

- Immediately cleanup spill. Dispose of used absorbent materials before leaving the site.
- Sweep up loose materials and debris and dispose of waste properly. Do not hose down the area to the stormwater drainage system, street, vegetated area or surface waters—such as lakes or streams.
- Label all containers with the product name and associated hazards (e.g., flammable, corrosive, toxic or reactive).
- Place tight-fitting lids on all containers and keep lid closed when not in use.
- Place drip pans or absorbent materials under all potential drip and spill locations if performing work outside.
- Do not work over or adjacent to a storm drain.
- Do not perform work in the public right-of-way or on other County property without approval from the County.
- Use ground cloths and/or drip pans in outdoor locations where paints, finishes, and other liquid materials are mixed and/or applied.
- Do not perform sanding operations outside during windy conditions. If conditions allow, collect dust and debris using vacuum sanders, ground cloths or similar methods.
- Routinely inspect fleet/business vehicles for leaks and repair as needed. Place drip pans beneath the vehicle if taken to a job site.

Additional Information

- *Stormwater Pollution Prevention Manual*, Chapter 3: Commercial and Multifamily BMPs
 - [A-3: Storage of Liquid Materials in Portable Containers](#)
- King County, Hazardous Waste Management Program, Business Waste Resources, <https://kingcounty.gov/en/dept/dnrp/waste-services/hazardous-waste-program/business>
- Washington State Department of Ecology, Report a Spill of Oil or Hazardous Materials (<https://ecology.wa.gov/footer-pages/report-an-environmental-issue/report-a-spill>)

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