

STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION FACTSHEET FOR COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES

(How You Can Help Maintain and Improve the Quality of Lake Helen's Waterways)

- Never dump anything into storm drains, swales, ditches, retention ponds or water bodies.
- Prior to washing activities, clean and/or sweep all loose debris from the wash area, and do not allow wash water to drain into storm drains or roadways. Contain wash water on-site.
- Maintain vehicles to minimize fluid leaks, and clean up leaked fluids with an absorbent material, rather than washing away the leaked fluids. Remove the residue from areas exposed to water. Treat other types of spills in a similar fashion.
- Collect all dust, grindings and shavings at work stations and dispose of such materials properly. Do not allow such materials to be discharged into storm drainage facilities.
- Keep dumpster lids closed. Use dry clean-up and disposal methods in solid waste disposal areas.
- Have your septic tank/drainfield inspected regularly and have waste pumped out before a system failure occurs.
- Direct runoff to vegetated areas. Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces.
- Minimize outdoor storage of commercial products, materials and supplies.
- Use a licensed hazardous waste disposal company to ensure for proper disposal of hazardous wastes, used auto fluids, paint, batteries, solvents and other chemicals, or, if permitted, dispose of such materials at designated hazardous waste collection or recycling facilities.
- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly, and minimize their use around storm drains, swales, ditches, retention ponds and water bodies.
- Store toxic products in closed and original containers, and in safe storage areas to prevent spillage.
- Compost or recycle yard waste/debris.
- Reduce the amount of paved area on your property, and increase the amount of vegetated area.
- Use native plants in the landscape to reduce the need for watering.

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