

# Do Your Part to Keep Our Streams Clean!

## Stormwater Pollution Prevention Best Management Practices

### MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

- Materials should be stored inside, or under a cover or roof.
- Use secondary containment for containers that are designed to be stored outdoors.
- Store materials away from vehicle traffic.
- Use a tarp to cover materials that are stored outside temporarily.



### STREET SWEEPING & STORM DRAIN SYSTEM CLEANING

- All street sweeping and catch basin debris must be disposed of at a landfill.
- Storm sewer catch basins should be cleaned before they are 40% full of debris.
- Catch basins should be cleaned more frequently in areas near sensitive water bodies or areas with greater amounts of pollutants.
- Do not dewater near or discharge into any storm sewer inlet or surface water body.



### SALT STORAGE & APPLICATION

- Salt piles should be covered to prevent runoff.
- Apply the minimum amount of salt necessary. This will reduce costs and minimize contamination to surface water.



### LANDSCAPING AND FERTILIZER/PESTICIDE USE

- Do not use fertilizer adjacent to surface water bodies.
- Use landscaping chemicals in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Do not apply chemicals during a rain event, unless the instructions specifically indicate to do so.
- If lawn care products fall on parking lots or paved areas, sweep or blow them back into the grass.
- **Never dispose of grass clippings or other landscaping wastes in ditches or waterways.**

### SPILL PREVENTION & CLEANUP

- Containers should be clearly labeled.
- Clean up small spills as soon as possible so that they do not spread.
- Use DRY clean-up methods. **Never hose a spill down the storm sewer.**
- Notify the fire department when large or hazardous materials spills occur.
- Petroleum spills greater than 25 gallons must be reported to the Ohio EPA.



### VEHICLE FUELING, MAINTENANCE, & WASHING

- Stay with the vehicle during fueling.
- Clean up small fuel leaks immediately. Use an absorbent material to clean up any spills and dispose of the material properly.
- Perform vehicle maintenance indoors whenever possible.
- Monitor parked vehicles for leaks. Use drip pans to collect fluids for proper disposal or recycling.
- Only wash vehicles in authorized areas. **Never wash vehicles or equipment outside near or over a storm sewer.**



### WASTE MANAGEMENT

- Keep lids to outdoor waste containers closed when not in use.
- **Never dispose of wastes in the storm sewer system.**



**Report spills and environmental emergencies to Ohio EPA 24 hours a day at 1-800-282-9378**