

COMMERCIAL FACILITIES



Most outside drains are storm drains that feed directly to the Truckee River or other water bodies! Stormwater is not cleaned or filtered in any way. Pollution that reaches the storm drains affects water quality and the health of fish, wildlife, plants, and people. Do your part to prevent stormwater contamination from your business. It's the right thing to do, and it's the law!

PROTECT OUR WATERWAYS

Wastewater generated from facility cleaning operations must be properly disposed.

Public manhole lids and storm drains are NOT acceptable places to dispose of wastewater or solid waste.

Dumping or allowing your wastes to leak into sewer or storm drains is against the law!



Do not dispose of any petroleum products, solvents, herbicides, or pesticides to the sewer or storm drains.



Dispose of waste materials through a licensed disposal company.



Keep your waste disposal records well organized.



If you have a sand-oil interceptor, maintain it properly and in accordance with your Environmental Control Permit.

Refer to your City of Reno Environmental Control Permit, if you have one, for requirements specific to your facility.



GOOD PRACTICES



Do not hose down your shop or floor into the alley, parking lot, or street. It is best to dry-sweep regularly.



Cover outdoor chemical or waste storage areas, making sure they have secondary containment to trap spills that may occur.



Do not leave oily, leaky equipment or vehicle parts outside without cover and secondary containment.



Wash equipment indoors or in areas that discharge to an approved pretreatment device.



Wash vehicles at a commercial car wash where wash water is captured and processed properly.



Keep containers of product and waste closed.



Post "No fluids in the drain" signs or similar language that makes sense for your operation.



Communicate with your employees...

It's your responsibility to make sure they understand that protecting storm drains is important to your business and the environment.

