

Protect our Bay and Ocean



Did you know that ...

Every time you wash oils, antifreeze, soapy water, brake dust and other debris into the street these pollutants flow into storm drains and end up in Morro Bay and our Ocean. These pollutants contaminate our local creeks, Morro Bay and the Ocean and are hazardous to humans, fish, and other wildlife. In the City of Morro Bay, water that runs off sidewalks, alleys, and street gutters flows into storm drains. Anything entering the storm drains flows directly to Morro Bay or the Ocean without treatment.

Remember You are the Solution to Stormwater Pollution!

DON'TS:

Don't wash vehicles, engines, wheels, and parts outdoors where washwater and debris flows into the storm drains.



Don't

allow leaves or debris to accumulate. Never hose down pavements and other wastes into the street, storm drains, or



Don't hose down accidental spills, fluid drips, or allow leaks to accumulate or run across surfaces.



Don't store leaky vehicles or equipment outdoors. Never leave oil, antifreeze, or other materials in drip pans or open containers.



Don't perform activities outdoors that might result in fluid spills (i.e., oil changing or radiator work) or generate small particles and dust (i.e., grinding or sanding).

DOS:

Do wash vehicles, engines and parts in a designated area. The wash area must be covered, paved, bermed, and drain to the sanitary sewer through and oil/water separator. Alternatively, take vehicles to a commercial car wash.



Do keep your facility clean. Sweep or vacuum work area after each shift and properly dispose of wastes.



Do clean accidental spill with dry cleaning methods. Drain fluids from leaking or wrecked vehicles. Store fluids or wastes indoors or in closed, labeled containers with proper secondary containment.



Do perform all maintenance and repair work indoors. Clean brake dust off with damp towels or use a HEPA filter vacuum. Collect all dust from brakes and dispose of it as hazardous wastes or recycle as scrap metal.



Always clean up spills promptly with a rag, absorbents, or wet/dry vacuum. If water or cleansers are needed, spot mop area and dispose of washwater as hazardous waste.



In the City of Morro Bay water that runs off sidewalks, alleys, and street gutters flows into storm drains. Anything entering storm drains flows directly to the Bay or ocean without treatment. This is different from sanitary sewers (sinks, toilets, etc.) that flow to a waste water treatment plant!

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