



The water in streets, parking lots, and storm drains typically is not treated before entering the waterways in Wellesley. Businesses must be aware of the materials they are discharging into the stormwater system and the impact they have on the water quality of streams, brooks, and rivers. Contaminated waterways results in an unsafe environment for both people and wildlife. Follow these simple and easy tips to prevent pollution, protect public health, and improve water quality.

**Illegal Discharges  
Prohibited!**



The following are considered illegal discharges into the Town's municipal stormwater drainage system; any solid waste, construction debris, paint or painting product, antifreeze, hazardous waste, oil, gasoline, grease and all other automotive and petroleum products, solvents and degreasers, drain cleaners, commercial and household cleaners; soap, detergent, ammonia, food and food waste, grass or yard waste, leaves, animal feces, dirt, sand, gravel, or other pollutant.

[http://www.wellesleyma.gov/Pages/WellesleyMA\\_DPW/stormwater\\_regulations.pdf](http://www.wellesleyma.gov/Pages/WellesleyMA_DPW/stormwater_regulations.pdf)



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# HELP IMPROVE WATER QUALITY

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## *A Primer to Stormwater Pollution Prevention for Businesses*



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[www.wellesleyma.gov](http://www.wellesleyma.gov)

Stormwater Hotline  
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## Food and Restaurant Industry Pollution Prevention



- Never hose down dumpsters or other contaminated items outside.
- Clean equipment, floor mats, filters, and trash cans in a service sink or an interior area with a floor drain.
- Recycle fat, oil, and grease waste. Have designated containers for these materials to prevent pollutants from entering storm drains.
- Grease traps should be inspected frequently to ensure proper function.
- Ensure that all employees are trained in proper procedures for the cleaning of equipment and disposal of waste materials.

Report any chemical spills into storm drains to the Health Department, (781) 235-0135, and to the stormwater hotline: [stormwater@wellesleyma.gov](mailto:stormwater@wellesleyma.gov).

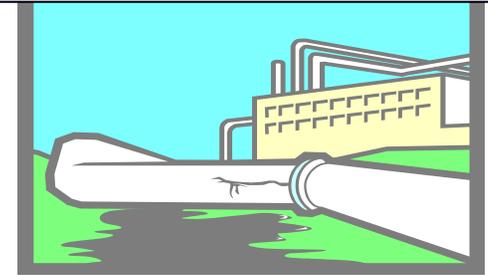
## Automotive Facility Pollution Prevention

Oil, grease, anti-freeze and other toxic automotive fluids too often make their way into the storm drain system.



- Avoid spills by utilizing drip pans and funnels when pouring and draining fluids.
- Remember to recycle motor oil, oil filters, anti-freeze and other hazardous automotive fluids, batteries, tires and metal filings.
- Sweep your worksite regularly to prevent debris from entering the storm drain system.
- Fluids and hazardous materials should be stored in a well-maintained covered area.
- Do not wash vehicles near catch basins to prevent soaps and cleaners from contaminating stormwater.
- Spills should be addressed promptly and thoroughly. Serious spills should be reported to the appropriate authorities.

## Commercial/Industrial Pollution Prevention



Assess your facility's potential pollution sources and develop a plan to prevent pollution resulting from these sources.

- Dumpster lids should be kept closed and the surrounding area kept clean at all times.
- Keep parking lots, sidewalks and driveways free of trash and debris.
- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. Avoid use during wet weather.
- Prevent pollutants from entering the stormwater system via catch basins, waterways, etc. (see section on illegal discharges).

### ANY QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions or need additional information please feel free to call the following phone number for assistance.

Call 781-235-7600

Ext. 315