

WHAT IS A POLLUTANT?

Any material that enters the storm drain system other than rainwater can be considered a pollutant. Keeping pollutants out of storm drains and our local creeks, lakes, and wetlands helps to protect the health of our community, salmon and other wildlife.

Common examples include:

- Construction sediment runoff
- Pressure washing runoff
- Restaurant grease
- Automotive oil & chemicals
- Soap, including biodegradable soap
- Paint
- Concrete and cement runoff
- Animal waste
- Pesticides & herbicides

Report Dumping, Spills or Flooding Problems

Call the Spill Hotline at (425) 587-3900.
You may remain anonymous.

PREVENT POLLUTION

Accidents happen and that's OK. The better prepared you are, the cheaper and easier the cleanup can be. Kirkland Public Works' first priority is to help remove the pollution out of the storm drain system.

Remember, any substance other than rainwater that enters the storm drain system can be considered a pollutant and a violation of the City of Kirkland's Surface Water Management Municipal Code (KMC 15.52).

If you cause or allow discharge to a public drainage facility, natural discharge system, surface and stormwater, or groundwater, you will be asked to implement appropriate Best Management Practices (see *What can I do?* section). Also, you could be fined and/or held responsible for cleanup cost by City and/or State Agencies (KMC 1.12).

Onsite Technical Assistance

For information or to schedule an onsite consultation, contact the Kirkland Public Works Department at (425) 587-3800.

ONLY RAIN DOWN THE DRAIN



POLLUTION PREVENTION FOR BUSINESSES



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WHAT CAN I DO?

Prevent pollution on your site every day and stay in compliance with local and state codes by using Best Management Practices:

Washing & Cleaning

If using soap or washing a pollutant off a surface, collect wastewater and discharge in indoor sink, toilet or other drains connected to sanitary sewer.

Dumpster Management

Keep lids on containers at all times. Routinely inspect and repair or replace, if you find leaks.



Parking Lot Management

Regularly sweep up debris (including sediment and trash) to prevent it from washing into storm drains. Dispose of debris in garbage, not in the street.

Storm Drain Markers

Glue a plastic marker near storm drains with the message "Only Rain Down the Drain."

Contact Kirkland Public Works for materials or for assistance in placing the markers.



Storage of Liquids

Routinely inspect storage containers for leaks, drips, or spills. Always secure lids and store in a secondary container.



Spill Prevention

Have spill materials, such as booms, on-site to contain spills to a small area. Materials such as absorbents and pads can clean up leaks, drips and spills. FREE spill kits are available from Kirkland Public Works.



Employee Training/Education

Inform employees of proper use and disposal of spill materials and location of materials on-site. Kirkland Public Works can assist with training.

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I NEED HELP!

FREE Spill Kit

Kirkland Public Works partners with ECOSS (Environmental Coalition of South Seattle) to give away FREE spill kits to our business community. Remember, all leaks and drips are considered spills and should be cleaned up.

Free Training

FREE training is available on how to properly contain and clean up spills for you and your employees.

Financial and Technical Assistance

To assist with pollution prevention practices, King County Local Hazardous Waste Management Program is working with the City of Kirkland in reimbursing businesses 50% of their costs to purchase stormwater pollution prevention equipment and tools, employee safety equipment, and hazardous materials management and disposal (up to \$500).

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