

Best Management Practices for Warehouses

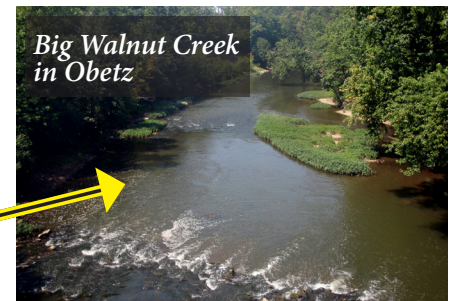
To Promote Clean Water

Purpose

To protect water quality in nearby streams and rivers by reducing stormwater pollution from vehicle fluids, motor oil, grease, hazardous materials, trash, and debris.

Warehouses Are Important

Heavy vehicle and semi-truck traffic, as well as the loading/unloading of materials at warehouses can result in stormwater pollution. The following practices can help prevent and/or reduce pollutants from entering storm drains, which then drain to our rivers and streams.



Loading Dock Practices

- Load/unload in designated areas.
- Load/unload under a cover, if possible, or avoid loading/unloading during wet weather.
- Cover outdoor materials and store off the ground (e.g., on pallets).
- Keep loading dock area clear of debris.
- Sweep regularly and dispose of debris in appropriate trash container.

Dumpster Practices

- Store dumpsters away from storm drains.
- Keep dumpsters covered. If possible, enclose dumpsters with berm or curb.
- Maintain a collection schedule & report damaged dumpsters to your waste hauler.
- Train employees on disposal of hazardous materials.

Parking Areas & Vehicle Practices

- Park trucks in designated areas.
- Inspect trucks regularly for leaks.
- Designate a responsible employee to check under vehicles for leaks or spills.
- Place drip pans under leaking trucks/equipment.
- Visually inspect access roads and parking lots regularly to identify and clean up spills.

Spill Prevention, Containment, and Cleanup

- Clean up spills promptly.
- Train employees on spill procedures.
- Store spill kits and cleanup materials, such as brooms and absorbent materials, near loading docks or in easily accessible area. Inspect regularly and replace materials as needed.