



Water Quality Partner Voluntary Pledge

As employees, managers and owners of a business in Franklin County, we pledge to work to keep the streams that flow through our community healthy.

As a Water Quality Partner, our business will educate our employees about stormwater issues and pledge to reach for the goal of preventing stormwater pollution.

As a Water Quality Partner, we will receive a Water Quality Partner window cling in recognition of our partnership with Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District. We will also be recognized on the Franklin Soil and Water web site. Water Quality Partners will have opportunities to learn more about stormwater pollution prevention and to request information assistance for stormwater questions.

Please check at least 5 of the actions below.

General:

- We will display our Water Quality Partner window cling on a door or window where it is visible to customers and/or employees.
- We will share stormwater pollution prevention information with employees.
- We will share our commitment to preventing stormwater pollution with the property owner or management company.

Cleaning:

- We will not allow water from the cleaning of items such as kitchen mats, grease traps, trash cans, paint brushes, parts, etc. to enter a storm drain.
- We will use a broom (and absorbents if necessary) instead of a hose to clean sidewalks and parking lots.
- We will create a spill plan and spill kit and educate employees about its proper use and location.

Landscaping:

- We will blow leaves/grass clippings from sidewalks, roads or parking lots back onto the lawn or bag them (or request our management company to do so).
- We will cover areas of bare soil (or ask management company to do so).
- We will consider using a rain garden or rain barrel to control stormwater runoff (or ask our management company to do so).
- We will use de-icers carefully and sweep up the excess.

Vehicles:

- We will contain leaking fluids from cars.
- We will work on vehicles outside only on an impervious surface with a containment and collection system for fluids.
- We will not wash or rinse vehicles where the water can enter a storm drain.

Dumpsters:

- We will keep our dumpster closed and check that the drainage hole has a plug.
- We will not put liquid waste in a dumpster.
- We will learn what qualifies as hazardous waste.

Storage:

- We will check that all items stored outside are properly covered from rain and wind.
- We will check that cans, drums and bottles are tightly closed and not leaking.
- We will store liquids outside only on an impervious surface with a berm for secondary containment.

Off-Site Jobs:

- We will not allow water from carpet cleaning, drain or pipe cleaning, or roof-washing to enter a storm drain, ditch or stream.
- We will wash latex painting tools in a sink that is connected to a sanitary sewer line. We will treat solvents and oil-based paints as hazardous waste.
- We will not allow power washing water to enter a storm drain, ditch or stream.

Become a Water Quality Partner! Fill out and mail this form in the envelope provided (Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District, 1404 Goodale Boulevard, Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43212). If you have any questions, call Franklin Soil and Water at (614) 486-9613.

Business Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Contact E-mail: _____

Contact Telephone: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

Zip Code: _____

