

NOTHING BUT RAIN DOWN THE STORM DRAIN

Water in storm drains flows untreated into our local streams, lakes and wetlands!

Your actions can contribute significantly to stormwater pollution. Be part of the solution.

- Never pour or wash anything into a storm drain including dirty water, oil, paint, chemical spills, auto fluids or soapy water (even biodegradable soap pollutes).
- Never allow liquid from dumpsters, parts bins, or other containers to leak into the storm drain. Use appropriate secondary containment.
- Wash vehicles in a facility where all wash water goes to the sewer for treatment. If washing onsite, make sure water drains to a gravel or grassy area.

Wastewater from sinks, toilets, and indoor drains flows to a sewage treatment plant where it is treated before being released into Puget Sound.



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YOUR LOCAL STREAM STARTS HERE



To prevent water pollution, recycle or dispose of waste materials properly. Read the label!

Painters: Clean brushes in a sink, not outside. Paint, thinners and other chemicals must be disposed of properly. Do not dispose of paint scrapings near storm drains. Call the Business Waste Line at 206-263-8899 for proper disposal information.

Auto Shops, Auto Suppliers and Auto Dealers: Wash water from cleaning cars and equipment must flow to a drain connected to the sewer – NOT a storm drain. Properly recycle or dispose of used motor oil, used oil filters, antifreeze, gasoline and other liquids. Clean up spills and leaks immediately by using dry absorbent material. Then sweep it up and dispose of properly. Use secondary containment to prevent spills.

Carpet Cleaners: Dispose of dirty, soapy water in a sink, toilet or other drain connected to the sanitary sewer – never to a street, gutter, parking lot or storm drain.

Restaurants and Grocery Stores: Dispose of mop water in a utility sink connected to a grease trap, not outside. Make sure dumpsters do not leak any fluid into the storm drain. Do not rinse or wash cooking equipment or floor mats in parking lots or outside areas. Dispose of fats, oil and grease properly; small amounts can go in the garbage.

Best management practices are listed at www.bellevuewa.gov/grease_control.htm

For additional information on how to prevent pollution: Bellevue Utilities – 425-452-6932 or www.bellevuewa.gov/preventing_water_pollution.htm

The Business Waste Line – 206-263-8899 or www.govlink.org/hazwaste/business/index.cfm for information on proper business hazardous waste disposal.



Local Hazardous Waste Management Voucher Incentive Program – 206-263-8899 or www.govlink.org/hazwaste/business/financial.html Funds available to help businesses with proper hazardous waste disposal.

HELP KEEP OUR STREAMS AND LAKES HEALTHY

Bellevue's 24-hour Hotline for Reporting Violations – 425-452-7840

Protect Human Health: Keep waste out of storm drains and help protect your coworkers and community from needless exposure to toxins and other pollutants.

Protect Fish and Wildlife: Salmon and other wildlife live in our local streams. Soap (including biodegradable soap), oil, cleaning chemicals and many other wastes are toxic to fish and wildlife.

Comply with the Law: Federal, state and city regulations protect water quality by prohibiting pollutant discharges to the storm drainage system and our lakes, streams and wetlands. Bellevue relies primarily on public education and voluntary corrective actions to achieve compliance; however, discharging pollutants into storm drains or waterbodies can result in fines of \$500 per day or more.

The Bellevue Storm and Surface Water Utility Code 24.06.125 prohibits storm and surface water pollution. The City will work with you on the correct way to recycle or dispose of waste materials and significantly reduce your potential liability from code violations. We will also work with you to mark storm drains on your property with the message "Don't Pollute, Drains To Stream." **Call Bellevue Utilities at 425-452-6932 for more information.**

Please note:

- Violators can be fined \$500 per day or more.
- Polluters are responsible for clean up costs.

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