

Maintenance & Cleaning of Floors and Outside Impervious Surfaces

Clean Business Program



You are responsible for preventing stormwater pollution when cleaning floors and outside impervious surfaces.

Why is Proper Maintenance & Cleaning so Important?

If not done correctly, any outdoor activity at your business can cause pollution. Washing down a walkway can cause pollution, as well as a messy trash area. This may not look like it's polluting our environment, but rain, sprinkler runoff and wind will move that stuff to a storm drain. Once in the storm drain, this untreated pollution goes straight to the environment.

Storm drains are meant for rain water only!

What can I do? Implement Best Management Practices (BMPs).

Good housekeeping and proper maintenance will prevent most pollution.

- Keep dumpsters and parking lots free of trash.
- Always keep dumpster lids closed.
- Regularly clean with dry methods (sweep, vacuum or damp mop).
- Work carefully to prevent spills.
- Clean up spills immediately. Use absorbents for liquids, then sweep up and dispose of properly.
- Use drip pans, or better, fix leaking vehicles and equipment.
- Dump all wash water in an indoor drain.
- Never use an outdoor hose to clean anything, unless that water will be captured and dumped into an Indoor drain.
- Label storm drains with "For clean water only" message.

Train all employees to follow these guidelines. It will create a safer workplace and reduce the risk of legal problems/fines. Your success depends on a well-trained staff.

For more information on preventing stormwater pollution visit: www.vcstormwater.org or call _____

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