BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Property areas exposed to rainfall generate storm water runoff that can carry dirt, oil, rubbish, and other contaminants into our streams and coastal waters.

Best Management Practices (BMPs) can be used to prevent polluted runoff from trash and chemical storage, and from paved and landscaped areas. BMPs should also be used for special tasks, such as pressure washing, painting, landscape maintenance, and other activities that could pollute storm water runoff. Common BMPs for facility maintenance activities are listed in this brochure.

Responsible businesses and property owners are aware of work that may affect storm water, regardless if that work is performed in-house or contracted out. Know the storm water BMPs for the operations at your facility so you can do your part to be storm water smart.

The Federal Clean Water Act and state statutes regulate water pollution. Hawaii Administrative Rules, Section 11-54-4(a) states, “All water shall be free of substances attributable to domestic, industrial, or other controllable sources of pollutants.”

Discharging pollutants to the storm drain system is against the law. Violations can result in State fines of up to $25,000 per violation, per day.

Since 2014, the County has been subject to stricter control by the State for discharges to their municipal storm drainage system under a new permit. We need everyone’s help to ensure that it’s “only rain in the storm drain!”

LEARN MORE VISIT THE WEBSITE
MAUICOUNTY.GOV/STORMWATER
OR CALL THE STORM WATER CONCERN LINE
808-270-7869

STORM WATER BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

HOTELS • SHOPPING COMPLEXES • APARTMENTS • CONDOMINIUMS • RETAIL/COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

DO YOUR PART TO BE STORM WATER SMART
FACILITY

- Conduct regular facility inspections to look for potential storm water pollutants, including trash, and clean up properly.
- Regularly sweep up and dispose of dirt, trash, and debris that accumulates on sidewalks and gutters.
- Train personnel about potential storm water pollutants and spill response, at your facility.
- Instruct employees on the location of storm drain inlets and that discharge of anything other than rain water is not allowed.

CHEMICAL STORAGE

- Maintain organized, covered, storage areas.
- Display proper storage instructions.
- Provide proper containment for liquids.
- Read product labels for proper use and disposal.
- Provide readily accessible spill kits.
- Confirm liquid containers are clearly labeled and stored securely.

PAVED AREAS

- Dry sweep or clean up spills on paved areas with absorbent materials. Never hose down paved areas.
- Use inlet protection when washing paved surfaces.
- Direct wash water to landscaped areas and allow water to percolate on site, if possible.

YARD CARE

- Follow recommended usage instructions for fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides.
- Adjust sprinklers to avoid overwatering and runoff.
- Never apply fertilizer or pesticides just before it rains.
- Do not blow or rake leaves or lawn clippings into the street or storm drain.

PRESSURE WASHING AND PAINTING

- Use dry methods to remove debris prior to pressure washing or painting.
- Contain pressure washing runoff or use storm drain inlet filters.
- Provide inlet protection for exterior painting near a storm drain.
- Never rinse brushes to the ground or in a storm drain.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND SPILL MANAGEMENT

- Implement a hazardous spill response plan.
- Regularly inventory and inspect hazardous materials and their storage areas.
- Store hazardous materials indoors in secured covered areas.
- Have materials readily available to clean up spills.
- Report uncontainable or regulated spills immediately to HEER at (808) 586-4249, (808) 247-2191 (after hours) or call 911.