

**Employee Training:**

- Provide on-going employee training with annual routine refresher training.
- Provide new employee training.
- Document training using a log or other method.

**Recycling and Waste Disposal**

City of Modesto  
Solid Waste Management  
(209) 577-5494

Stanislaus County  
Household Hazardous Waste Facility  
(209) 525-4123

**To Report a Clogged Storm Drain**

City of Modesto  
Water Quality Control Division  
(209) 577- 6200

**To Report a Spill or Illegal Dumping**

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Water Quality Control Division  
(209) 577-6200

*This is one in a series of pamphlets describing storm drain protection measures. Other pamphlets include:*

- Automotive Maintenance & Car Care
- Equipment Rentals
- Food Service Industry
- Fresh Concrete and Mortar Application
- General Construction & Site Supervision
- Heavy Equipment & Earthmoving Activities
- Home Repair & Remodeling
- Horse Owners & Equine Industry
- Kennels
- Landscaping, Gardening, Pest Control
- Mobile Washers and Cleaners
- Nurseries
- Painting
- Roadwork and Paving
- Swimming Pool, Jacuzzi & Fountain Maintenance



For more information about storm drain protection or additional pamphlets, call:

[www.modestogov.com](http://www.modestogov.com)  
City of Modesto  
Public Works Department  
Environmental Compliance Section  
(209) 577-6377

**Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs)**



**Kennels**

Safe Environmental Habits and Procedures for:

- Animal Housing
- Animal Maintenance
- Animal Care



**Environmental Compliance Section  
Public Works Department**

## Water Pollution Prevention It's Up to Us!

### ONLY RAIN DOWN THE STORM DRAIN



Modesto has two drainage systems—the sewers and the storm drains. The storm drain system was designed to prevent flooding by carrying excess rainwater away from city streets and out to our rivers by way of catch basins or drainage into our rockwell system.

Because the system contains no filters, it now serves the *unintended* function of carrying urban pollution straight to our rivers, and eventually the ocean.

This pamphlet tells you how to prevent pollution from “stormwater” or “urban runoff”. Rain, industrial and household water mixed with urban pollutants creates stormwater pollution. The pollutants include: oil and other automotive fluids, paint and construction debris, yard and pet wastes, pesticides and litter.

Urban runoff pollution flows to our rivers through the storm drain system – 77 miles of storm lines and over 10,000 rockwells – that take water and debris straight from Modesto streets to our rivers and waterways. Each day, polluted urban runoff enters our rivers untreated, leaving toxic chemicals and trash to be carried downstream.

Urban runoff pollution contaminates our rivers, harms aquatic life and increases the risk of flooding by clogging gutters and catch basins.

The Best Management Practices (BMP's) will ensure cleaner rivers and a cleaner city.

## Kennels

### What are some of the potential pollutant sources?

- Facility Cleaning
  - Soaps / Detergents
  - Animal Wastes
- Animal Cleaning
  - Soaps / Detergents
  - Animal Wastes
  - Bacteria
  - Nutrients
- Animal Care
  - Pesticides

### Solutions:

Best Management Practices that include the proper handling, storage and disposal of materials can prevent pollutants from entering the storm drain system.

### BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

- Use alternative, safer, non-toxic and /or recycled products.
- Identify and label (paint or stencil) all drains on the facility property to indicate flow to:
  - a) an oil/water/sand interceptor or separator
  - b) sewer system
  - c) storm drain
- Collect all trash, litter and debris from the area and place in a proper trash bin or waste receptacle for disposal.
- If water is being used to clean outdoor kennel areas, contain the wash water and dispose of in the sanitary sewer system. Do not dispose of in the gutter or street or allow it to flow into any storm drain.
  - When washing animals, wash in a designated area that drains to the sanitary sewer system and/or wash animals over a vegetated area so that wash water can infiltrate into the vegetated area.



- Capture solids (hair and debris) by using a drain cover designed to capture solids.
- If feasible, house animals in paved and covered areas.
- If housing the animals in covered areas is not feasible, cover the ground with vegetation or some other type of ground cover so that animal waste is not susceptible to direct ground infiltration.
- Clean all animal handling areas frequently.
- Use dry cleaning methods to clean animal handling areas.
  - Sweeping animal handling areas is encouraged.
  - Properly dispose of droppings, uneaten food and other potential contaminants. Do not wash out to storm drains, gutters or streets when cleaning the area.
- If water is being used to clean the housing areas, do not discharge wash water to storm drain or other receiving waters.
- Block storm drains and contain runoff.
- Dispose of wash water to the sanitary sewer system.

### Spill Control

- Place an adequate supply of spill cleanup materials where it will be readily available.
- Dispose of any used spill cleanup materials properly as soon as possible after use.
- Do not use bleach or disinfectants if there is a possibility that rinse water could flow to a street, gutter or storm drain.