

STORMWATER SMART AUTO SHOPS



When water from rain, snow, or sleet flows over the ground, it's called "stormwater." Stormwater can pick up paint, chemicals, antifreeze, and oil from vehicles in your parking lot. And when that stormwater flows into street gutters, storm drains, and downstream, it can pollute rivers, lakes, and streams. Follow these simple pollution solutions to help keep local waterways clean and healthy!



DITCH THE HOSE

Use special oil-absorbing towels or other materials to clean up oil or other fluid from cars instead of hosing it off and dispose of them properly.



CATCH EVERY DROP

Always use drip pans when changing motor oil to ensure fluids do not leak onto hard surfaces and run into storm drains. Never dump fluids from vehicles down storm drains! Engine oil and sludge can clog drains and pollute our water.



STORE STUFF SAFELY

Keep equipment, car parts, batteries, used oil filters, and liquids indoors in a dry, covered place so rain cannot wash pollutants down the drain.



DISPOSE RESPONSIBLY

Dispose of used oil, antifreeze, solvents, filters, tires, and batteries properly to keep pollution out of waterways.