



City of East Grand Forks

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STORMWATER BMPs – WASTE MANAGEMENT

AFFECTED FACILITIES

These Best Management Practices (BMPs) apply at all municipal facilities and operations in the field where any waste, scrap, trash or food waste and grease is generated.

BACKGROUND

Improper storage and handling of solid or liquid wastes can allow toxic compounds, oils and greases, heavy metals, nutrients, suspended solids and other pollutants to enter storm water runoff and snow melt. The discharge of pollutants to storm water from waste handling and disposal can be prevented and reduced by proper storage, handling and management of waste. Reducing waste generation, source reduction, re-use and recycling can also reduce the potential for storm water pollution.

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

- Keep all trash container lids closed at all times unless adding or removing material.
- All waste receptacles (dumpsters or cans) should be leak-tight with tight-fitting lids or covers. Plastic liners can be used to ensure leak tightness. Repair any leaking dumpsters.
- Never place liquids or liquid-containing wastes in a dumpster or trash receptacle.
- Do not place outdoor waste receptacles near storm drains or ditches unless at a lower elevation.
- Place waste receptacles indoors or under a roof or roof overhang whenever possible.
- Sweep up around outdoor waste containers regularly and immediately before any expected storm event.
- Arrange for wastes to be picked up regularly and disposed at approved disposal facilities. If waste generation exceeds the capacity of waste containers, either obtain more containers or increase the frequency of pick-ups.
- Do not wash out waste containers or dumpsters outdoors. If municipally owned containers must be washed, do so at a sink or floor drain so that wastewater goes to the sanitary sewer.
- When working in the field, place all wastes in appropriate containers in the vicinity of the work site. If no public containers are available, bag the wastes and bring them back to the Public Works Yard for proper placement into containers.
- If wastewater, liquid or non-hazardous liquid waste is generated at a fixed facility or in the field, it must be discharged into the sanitary sewer (if approved) or collected for transportation to a disposal site that can receive that type of wastewater.

- Never allow food waste or grease to enter the storm drain system.

NEW CONSTRUCTION OR RENOVATION REQUIREMENTS

- Design new or renovated facilities with waste or recycling accumulation areas indoors or under cover.
- Locate dumpsters on a flat, paved surface and install berms or curbs around the storage area to prevent run-on and run-off.
- If food waste and grease containers must be stored outdoors, design a bermed area where food waste and grease can be stored and storm water run-on will be diverted.

REQUIRED TRAINING

- Train all current and new employees on these BMPs annually.
- All contracts must stipulate that contracted employees are trained in these BMPs.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Household Hazardous Waste can be disposed of at:

Polk County Environmental Services Transfer Station

320 Ingersoll Ave
Crookston, MN 56716
Monday - 7:00am to 7:00pm
Tuesday through Friday - 7:00am to 5:30pm

Used motor oil and other waste automotive fluids can be disposed of at:

Public Works Department

1001 Second St. N.E.
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(218) 773-1313

To report an Illicit Discharge, clogged sewer or for answers to questions regarding these stormwater BMPs please contact:

Public Works Stormwater/Wastewater Department

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