

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

Storm drains are NOT connected to the sanitary sewer system or wastewater treatment plant?

The water that drains down a sink or toilet flows to the wastewater treatment plant. The storm drains, on the other hand, are designed to carry rainwater away from developed areas to prevent flooding. This water does not receive treatment and flows directly to stormwater ponds, ditches, and the Red River.

Stormwater pollution comes from a variety of sources including dirt, debris, automotive fluids, pet waste, pesticides, and other hazardous materials.

The City of Moorhead is committed to improving water quality and reducing the amount of pollutants entering waterways.

## **Best Management Practices for Mobile Service Providers**



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Stormwater Pollution Prevention  
24 Hour Stormwater Hotline  
218.299.5386**



# Only Rain in the Storm Drain!

## MOBILE SERVICE PROVIDERS

Vehicle cleaners, carpet cleaners, pressure washers, porta-potty services, plumbers, mechanics, and any other mobile business that provides services at various off-site locations.

Mobile service materials and residuals such as cleaners, grease, soapy water, dirt, debris, and other pollutants often find their way to the storm sewer system than into the Red River. Be part of the solution to keep pollution out of the Red River.



## BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMPs)

BMPs are procedures and practices that help to prevent pollutants and other hazardous materials from entering the storm sewer system.

When sources of pollution have been identified, the next step is to select the proper BMPs to eliminate or reduce stormwater pollution.

## SPILL RESPONSE KITS

- ◆ Keep spill kits in vehicles and ensure that they contain the appropriate materials for prompt and adequate cleanups.
- ◆ Use dry cleanup methods such as brooms and absorbent materials.

- ◆ Wash water must be disposed of in the sanitary sewer and never in the storm sewer.
- ◆ Prepare and plan how liquids, solids, wastewater, and other materials will be disposed of prior to starting work.
- ◆ Immediately report spills that have entered the storm sewer to the Stormwater staff at 218.299.5386. For hazardous spills contact the Moorhead Fire Department.

## STORM DRAINS

- ◆ Protect storm drains at all times with perimeter controls and barriers such as rock logs.
- ◆ Vacuum up wastewater before removing BMPs. Dispose of non-hazardous wastewater to the landscape or sanitary sewer. For more information about discharging to the sanitary sewer contact the Wastewater Treatment Plant at 218.299.5386.

## CARPET AND UPHOLSTERY CLEANING

- ◆ Filter solids out of wastewater before discharging to the sanitary sewer to avoid clogging pipes and sewer laterals.
- ◆ Store chemicals in leak-proof containers. Keep these containers closed when not in use.

## PLUMBERS

- ◆ All work must be conducted on private property. If working on public streets or property, contact the City Engineering department to apply for the appropriate permits.
- ◆ When working with raw sewage, ensure overflows do not reach the storm sewer. Report sewage overflow to the Wastewater Treatment Plant 218.299.5386.
- ◆ Water flushes from corroded copper or lead pipes cannot be discharged to the storm sewer system.

## EMPLOYEE TRAINING

- ◆ Discuss and distribute information on stormwater pollution prevention to employees.
- ◆ Inform subcontractors of stormwater requirements and ensure they comply with the regulations and BMPs.

## ENFORCEMENT

- ◆ The City responds to all complaints of an illicit discharge to the storm sewer system.