

Car Washing

Best Management Practices



Stormwater Pollution Prevention

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BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

BMPs are procedures and practices that help to prevent pollutants such as dirt, chemicals, trash, metal, automotive fluids, and other hazardous materials from entering the storm sewer system.

The storm sewer system consists of curb, gutter, catch basins, pipes, ditches, stormwater ponds, as well as natural drainage such as creeks and rivers.

Your actions can have a significant impact on the water quality. Be a part of the solution and apply the following tips.

- ◆ Wash your car on your lawn. The lawn will soak in the water.
- ◆ Use soap sparingly. Look for soap that is phosphorous free.
- ◆ Use a hose nozzle with a trigger to save water.
- ◆ Pour your bucket of soapy water down the sink or toilet when you are done, not on the driveway, sidewalk or street.
- ◆ Avoid using engine and wheel cleaners or degreasers.
- ◆ Take your car to a commercial car wash, especially if you plan to clean the engine or the bottom of your car.

DID YOU KNOW

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

The primary purpose of a storm drain is to carry rainwater and snowmelt away from developed areas to prevent flooding. As water flows over the ground it picks up a variety of pollutants which then flow to local stormwater ponds, ditches and the Red River.

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

