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FLEET MANAGEMENT & CLEAN WATER YOUR ROLE MATTERS

Everyday vehicle operations—like fueling, washing, or even parking—can contribute to stormwater pollution if not managed properly. Oil leaks, fuel spills, and runoff from vehicle washing can carry harmful pollutants directly into storm drains, which lead straight to local waterways—untreated.



Inspect & Maintain Vehicles Regularly

Fix leaks promptly to prevent oil, antifreeze, and other fluids from washing into storm drains.



Wash Responsibly

Use commercial car washes or wash vehicles over grass or gravel areas to reduce runoff.



Designate Safe Fueling & Maintenance Areas

Use covered, spill-proof areas with proper drainage and spill kits on hand.



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BMPs for Fleet Vehicle Maintenance

Most of the Best Management Practices (BMPs) identified below are non-structural and cost little or nothing to implement. This listing is not all-inclusive and other non-structural and structural BMPs can be implemented to further reduce the potential of contributing to stormwater pollution.

DO'S

- Perform regular inspections to catch and repair fluid leaks before vehicles hit the road.
- Use drip pans and absorbents under parked or stored vehicles, especially overnight.
- Clean up spills immediately using dry methods like absorbent materials—never hose them down.
- Wash vehicles only in designated wash bays that drain to the sanitary sewer system or use a commercial car wash.
- Store fluids and chemicals indoors or under cover with secondary containment.

DON'TS

- Don't perform maintenance outside or near storm drains.
- Don't hose down spills or work areas—this sends pollutants straight to local waterways.
- Don't leave leaking vehicles parked on pavement or in uncontained areas.
- Don't wash vehicles in lots, driveways, or unpaved surfaces where runoff can carry pollutants into storm drains.

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