

Stormwater Health & Gas Stations and Auto Repair Shop

Drinking water, agriculture, fishing and recreation depend on a healthy stormwater system.

You can help!



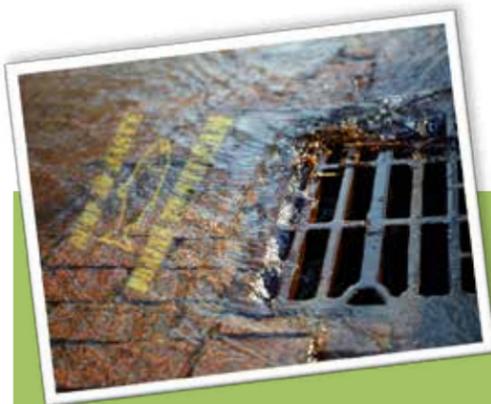
What is Stormwater?

Stormwater runoff is precipitation that is not absorbed into the ground. It travels over impermeable surfaces like roads, rooftops, parking lots and other paved surfaces. As it moves, it picks up particles, debris, chemicals and pollutants.

Runoff enters the storm drain system and travels to the nearest water source *untreated* – the Yampa River. Stormwater pollution has the potential to impact water quality, compromising water resources.

Did you know your gas station/auto repair shop has a part to play in protecting the health of the Yampa River!

Correct handling and disposal of the chemicals, liquids and wastewater used at gas stations and repair shops can protect local waterways and stormwater health. Learn the easy steps you can take!



What can my business do to protect stormwater health?

- Identify and label all toxic and chemical substances and be sure to contain and cover all chemicals and waste stock piles being stored outside.
- Train employees about the toxic chemicals they may be working with, and their proper clean -up and spill response.
- Immediately clean spills by using a spill kit for hazardous chemicals or by wiping up with soapy water and disposing of in the sink or toilet.
- Be sure all loading and unloading of toxic and chemicals substances is **not** done near a storm drain.
- Keep all drain valves in liquid bulk containers and secondary containments locked in the closed position.
- When working with fluids or dust, perform maintenance and repair work inside.
- Do not store leaking vehicles or equipment outside. Contain the leak, repair immediately, or move indoors to repair.
- Only wash vehicles and equipment in a wash bay or where water drains to a sanitary sewer. And, when pressure-washing, make sure wastewater is collected or evaporated and does not enter the storm drain system.
- Limit the application of sand, salt, deicer, fertilizer and herbicides-always follow usage directions.
- Post signage prohibiting 'topping off', and describe spill response procedures. And, keep a spill response kit near each fueling station.
- Require that the person doing the fueling stays present at the fuel pump for the entire fueling time.

What happens if my business pollutes the stormwater system?

Did you know it is **illegal** to make improper discharges in a storm drain system?

According to the City of Steamboat Springs Municipal Code:

“...a person convicted of a violation of this Code shall be punished by a **fine** not exceeding nine hundred ninety-nine dollars (\$999.00) or **imprisonment** for a term not exceeding one hundred eighty (180) days, or any **combination** thereof...”

“See Something, Say Something”

If you suspect or observe an inadvertent discharge, or an illicit discharge, always let the proper authorities know.

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