

Storm Water

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES



General BMPs for Businesses

The storm drainage system at our harbor facilities collects rainfall from storm events and releases it directly, without treatment, into the harbor. As rainfall travels over surfaces such as roofs, roads, and parking lots, it picks up oils, metals, fertilizers, pesticides, sediments, and other contaminants before entering the harbor. Storm water pollution degrades our waters and reduces the quality of natural habitats for fish and wildlife.

Implementing Best Management Practices (BMPs) and good housekeeping practices will help maintain water quality in the harbors.

BMP Implementation

Cleaning

- Use non-toxic substitutes for chemicals whenever possible.
- Control litter by sweeping and picking up trash regularly.
- Dry sweep floors, processing and storage areas, access roads, parking lots, and sidewalks. Do not wash down with a hose.
- Properly contain and dispose of mop water and sweepings.

Maintenance

- Inspect vehicles and equipment for leaks regularly.
- When draining fluids, use a drip pan and/or funnel to prevent spills.

Landscaping

- Whenever possible, use environmentally safe alternatives or low-toxicity chemicals.
- Use landscaping pesticides and fertilizers in the smallest amounts necessary and never apply immediately before or during rainfall.

Spill Response

- Keep a spill kit appropriate for materials in-use readily available and stocked. Re-stock when used.
- Clean up spills immediately to minimize safety hazards and prevent spills from reaching a storm drain inlet.
- Use absorbent materials to clean small spills rather than hosing down the area. Remove the absorbents promptly and dispose of properly.

Train employees (document) on proper storage, handling and spill response requirements. Report all spills in accordance with the Hawaii Department of Health (HDOH) Spill Reporting and Emergency Response requirements and document response actions.

HDOH Spill Reporting and Emergency Response website:
<http://hawaii.gov/health/environmental/hazard/spill.html>

The State Department of Transportation, Harbors Division has developed the Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP) in compliance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and the State of Hawaii Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) General Permit requirements.

The SWMP is administered by the Environmental Section under the Engineering Branch.

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Website:
<http://hidot.hawaii.gov/harbors/library/storm-water-management/>