

# Custodial Environmental Practices

**Goal:** Conduct work in a way that protects the environment, employee safety, and public health.



## **ONLY Rain in the Storm Drains!**

Storm drains at the airports drain to the ocean or the ground, untreated.

Following these practices is necessary to protect our ocean and environment from pollutants!



# Good Housekeeping Practices



- Sweep and pick up trash.
- Clean up spills using **dry methods**
  - Rags
  - Brooms
  - Vacuums
  - Dry mops
- Dispose of used cleaning materials properly.
- Use less hazardous cleaners (e.g., citrus based).
- Only wash at **wash areas** or use a **dry method**.



# Wash Water Disposal

- Wash water **without** chemicals or detergents can be poured onto grass, gravel, or landscape.
- If oil is in the wash water (i.e., rainbow color film on top), remove using spill kit materials prior to disposing.
- DO NOT dump anything into storm drain inlets or waterbodies.



**Spill Kit Materials**



# Material Storage Practices



- Store materials and containers indoors or in covered areas.
- Store materials in their original containers.
- Close, secure, neatly store, and properly label containers.
- Maintain inventory of stored supplies.
- Replace damaged containers.





# Waste Management Practices

- Use the **entire product** before throwing away.
- DO NOT mix wastes.
- **Recycle** wastes, when possible.
- Separate hazardous waste.
- DO NOT put liquids without containment in rubbish bins.
- DO NOT overfill dumpsters or leave rubbish outside of containers.
- Use spill kit materials to **clean** leaking rubbish bins.
- Keep dumpster and rubbish bin lids **closed** when not in use.



## Universal Waste



### Types of Universal Waste

- Batteries
- Pesticides
- Mercury-containing equipment (e.g., thermometers, thermostats, etc.)
- Lamps (broken fluorescent light bulbs are hazardous waste)



**Ask your supervisor  
for proper disposal or contact AIR-EE at:**