CITY OF
CHULA VISTA

STORM WATER INFORMATION PACKET FOR MOBILE BUSINESSES

This information applies to Mobile Commercial Businesses and Mobile Construction Contractors, Trades, and Building Related Businesses), including:

- Auto Repair, Detailing, and Washing
- Building Maintenance
- Cabinet Installation
- Carpet, Drape, or Furniture Cleaning
- Cleaning Services
- Construction Related
- Contractor – General/ Specialty
- Fire Equipment and Sprinkler Maintenance
- Flooring
- Food Vendors
- Handyman
- Landscaping
- Painting
- Pet Grooming
- Pest Control Services
- Plumbing
- Pool, Spa, and Fountain Maintenance
- Portable Sanitary Services
- Power Washing Services
- Any mobile business that generates pollutants

DEFINITIONS

Best Management Practices (BMPs) – Simple steps and procedures businesses use to prevent or reduce pollution from entering the storm drain system.

Mobile Business – Any business that performs work at various locations throughout the City and may not have a permanent storefront located within City limits.

Non-Storm Water – Any water that is not from rain or snow, such as irrigation water or wash water.

Pollutant – Anything that harms water quality. Some examples of pollutants include sediment, petroleum products, pesticides, fertilizers, detergents, heavy metals, animal waste, and trash.

Storm Drain System – Gutters, streets, curbs, ditches, basins, and drains that carry water straight to rivers, bays, and the ocean—without treatment.

Storm Water – Uncontaminated rainwater runoff, snowmelt runoff, or surface runoff that flows over land into the storm drain system.

Urban Runoff – Water flowing through the storm drain system, which may include both storm water and non-storm water.

FACT SHEET

Mobile businesses can release pollutants into the storm drain system during normal operations. By implementing Best Management Practices (BMPs), businesses can reduce or prevent pollution. Remember, storm drains flow directly to local creeks, rivers, and the ocean—without treatment.

To obtain your business license, you must review this Storm Water Information Packet and submit a completed Storm Water Certification Statement. Both are available online at **www.chulavistaca.gov/stormwater** under the Mobile Businesses page. This packet will help you understand the City's requirements and standard BMPs for your business.

REQUIRED (BMPs) FOR MOBILE BUSINESSES:

1) Storm Water Training

Train all workers to recognize, handle, and manage materials safely to prevent stormwater pollution. Do not conduct outdoor activities that may generate pollutants when it is raining. Employees must be familiar with these required BMPs for mobile businesses.

2) Contain and Clean Up Spills

Always keep spill response materials readily available. Use drip pans or similar tools to catch leaks or spills. If a spill occurs—whether liquids, building materials, hazardous waste, or vehicle fluids—use dry cleanup methods such as rags or absorbents immediately to keep it out of storm drains. Once contained, collect and dispose of absorbents properly. Report major spills right away to the City of Chula Vista Public Works Department at (619) 397-6000. Repair leaking vehicles or equipment without delay.

3) Properly Handle Solid Waste

Maintain good housekeeping by keeping outdoor areas free of trash, sediment, litter, and debris. Use dry cleanup methods—like sweeping instead of hosing—whenever possible. All waste must go into containers with lids, and debris should be disposed of in designated bins. Leaf litter, yard waste, and food waste belong in green waste containers. Never dump any waste into storm drains.

3) Properly Handle Liquid & Hazardous Waste

Oil and grease should be contained and collected by an appropriate vendor. Concrete slurry and other construction liquids should be contained in a washout and hauled from the site. Dispose of liquid waste through the sanitary sewer (if appropriate) or at approved facilities. Hazardous materials must be managed by a certified hazardous waste handler or contact the County of San Diego Hazardous Materials Management Division at (858) 505-6880. Never dump any waste into storm drains.

4) Protect the Storm Water System

Locate nearby storm drains and block them before beginning work. A drain cover, filter fabric, or heavy-duty plastic film can be applied over the inlet and secured with gravel bags or weights. Keep pollutants from reaching surrounding areas and clean up when the job is done. Collect any water held by covers and dispose of it in the sanitary sewer before removing the covers.

5) Proper Handling and Containment of Materials

Secure all materials and equipment during use and transport. Use leak-proof lids, covers, and secondary containment for liquids, and label chemical containers clearly. Apply fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides sparingly, following label directions, and never before rain. Protect disturbed soil, sediment, and stockpiles from erosion—cover with tarps and contain with berms if inactive or when rain is expected.

6) Water Use

Contain, capture, and properly dispose of all non-storm water. Use water wisely with a control nozzle or high-pressure system. Set up washout areas away from storm drains (using containers, berms, or liners), or direct wash water to the sanitary sewer through a sink, toilet, or cleanout. All discharges to the sanitary sewer must be free of grease, grit, hazardous material or any other substance that could possibly clog the sewer pipe. Water can also be collected with a wet/dry vacuum or sump pump and disposed of off-site. Prevent irrigation runoff, overspray, and air conditioning condensate from reaching the street. Pool, pond, and fountain water may only enter storm drains if it meets requirements listed on the residential page at **www.chulavistaca.gov/stormwater**. **Do not allow non-storm water to enter the street or storm drains.**

INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

The City of Chula Vista maintains an inspection and enforcement program to ensure that all businesses operating within the city comply with the requirements and discharge prohibitions outlined in CVMC Chapter 14.20. This chapter prohibits the discharge of any water that is not entirely composed of stormwater, with limited exceptions. Its purpose is to reduce the amount of pollutants entering storm drains and contaminating our creeks, beaches, bay, and ocean. Violations of the City's stormwater regulations may result in enforcement actions and fines such as administrative citations, notices of violation, and civil penalties.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For additional information about the City of Chula Vista's Storm Water Management Program visit the website at **www.chulavistaca.gov/stormwater** or reach us via email at **stormwater@chulavistaca.gov**. If you prefer to speak to someone, please leave a voice message at 619-397-6038 and we will return your call within two business days.