

## Storm Water Best Management Practices for Mobile Businesses

Mobile businesses have the potential to pollute storm water through their everyday business activities. By implementing Best Management Practices (BMPs), mobile businesses can prevent storm water pollution.

Here are some examples of the types of mobile businesses regulated by the City of El Cajon:

- Auto Repair, Detailing and Washing
- Carpet, Drape, or Furniture Cleaning
- Fire Equipment and Sprinkler Maintenance
- Landscaping
- Pest Control Services
- Pet Grooming
- Portable Grooming
- Portable Sanitary Services, including Plumbing
- Power Washing Services
- Pool, Spa, and Fountain Maintenance
- Any mobile construction business (e.g. cement work, masonry, painting and coating)
- Any mobile business that utilizes water



### Don't risk a fine

Under the authority of the State and Local Laws, the City of El Cajon can issue substantial fines if anything other than rainwater enters a gutter or storm drain. So, become part of our community's Storm Water Pollution Solution and:

- ✓ **Never** allow wash water to flow into the gutter or storm drain.
- ✓ **Never** dispose of wash water to streams or creeks where it can flow into wetlands or waterways.
- ✓ **Remember:** Only clean water should be allowed to run into gutters or storm drains, as they empty into our rivers and sea without any treatment. The drain is just for rain.

Wastewater containing oil must be passed through an oil separator before disposal to public sewer. Portable separators are available or wastewater can be stored in a tank and then emptied into a separator at your garage base. It **is not** recommend engines be cleaned as a mobile operation, due to the difficulties in handling large quantities of oil-contaminated wastewater.



## **Biodegradable detergents**

Use biodegradable alternatives wherever they are available.

Although biodegradable products are less damaging to the environment, run-off containing these products must not be allowed to enter storm drains.

Note: Biodegradable detergents have been designed to be easily broken down by the microorganisms present in the sewage treatment process. Consequently, biodegradable products are designed to be eliminated at sewage treatment plants and are **not** environmentally-friendly products that should find their way into our storm drains, streams and the ocean.

## **Natural products**

Natural products are **not** always harmless. Many 'natural' products are highly toxic. Be sure and read all instructions and follow the same guidelines for natural products as for other chemicals.

If you have questions, please call the El Cajon Storm Water Protection Program at (619) 441-1653.