



# Commercial Properties — How to Maintain an Environmental Friendly Business

## ■ Site Maintenance

- Wastewater from power washing parking lots and/or buildings cannot enter the storm drainage system. Capture all wastewater for proper disposal.
- Grass clippings from mowing or edging cannot be left on the street or blown into inlets. Sweep up the clippings or blow them onto the grass.
- Pick up trash before mowing.
- Dumpster areas must be kept free of loose or overflowing trash.
- Keep storm drain inlets free of trash, grass clippings and other debris.

## ■ Sanitary Sewer Overflows

- Cleanup must begin immediately.
  - Contain all wastewater on property.
  - Return all liquids and solids to the sanitary sewer.
  - Disinfect the entire area with 10% chlorine bleach solution. This solution and any rinse water must be disposed of in the sanitary sewer.
  - Remove and properly dispose of all sewage or sewage contaminated water that entered the storm drain or natural waterway.
- Immediately notify the appropriate offices upon discovery of a sanitary sewer overflow. (24 hours)
  - Food Establishments:
    - Water Utilities Dispatch .....817-459-5900
    - Environmental Health .....817-459-6777
  - All Others: (24 hours)
    - Water Utilities Dispatch.....817-459-5900
- If the wastewater leaves the property, contact the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), Region 4, at 817-588-5800.

## ■ Other Concerns

- Irrigation systems should be adjusted so water does not fall on pavement.
- Backwash from swimming pools must be plumbed to the sanitary sewer system.
- Water drained from swimming pools cannot flow off property.
- Clean up and properly dispose of any dumped or spilled automotive fluids.

## ■ Illegal Dumping

- Waste oil or other materials that are left or dumped on property are the responsibility of the property owner to dispose of correctly.



For more information call  
Public Works and Transportation  
Stormwater Management  
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