

Storm Water Compliance Inspections

The City of Imperial Beach has developed an inventory of all existing commercial businesses and has prioritized them according to the type of business, proximity to a receiving water and potential threat to water quality.

Based on this prioritization, the City will be conducting storm water compliance inspections of commercial and industrial facilities within the City. Mobile businesses operating within the City may also be inspected.

These inspections will include a meeting with the business owner or operator, a walk through of the facility, a review and evaluation of current best management practices, and recommendations for additional measures that may be required to comply with the City's storm water permit and ordinance.



**Report all spills immediately to the
Storm Water Hotline: (619) 424-4095 or
the Sheriff Dispatch at (619) 585-7232**



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Best Management Practices for your Business



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Did you know that urban storm water is the biggest contributor to coastal water pollution?

Whether your business is 2 blocks or 2 miles from the coast, you can unknowingly contribute to storm water pollution through improper housekeeping and maintenance practices.

One of the most common types of pollution from businesses is contaminated water runoff, usually from cleaning and maintenance activities. Simple best management practices (BMPs) can prevent storm water pollution, and prevention is good business. It means clean water, clean beaches and shows your customers you care about the community.

What is storm water pollution?

Storm water pollution is urban runoff water that has picked up pollutants as it flows through the storm drain system—a network of channels, gutters and pipes that collect runoff from city streets, neighborhoods, construction sites, parking lots, etc. —and empties directly into receiving waters.

In the City of Imperial Beach, these receiving waters are the Pacific Ocean, Tijuana Estuary, Tijuana River, Otay River and San Diego Bay.



What can your business do to help?

The following are steps you can take in and around your business to prevent water pollutants from entering the storm drain.

Good Housekeeping

- Use brooms or mops to clean dumpsters, loading docks, pavements, and sidewalks, instead of using a hose or pressure washing.
- Never disposed of any wash water down the storm drain, streets, sidewalks, parking lots or driveways. Use the sanitary sewer.
- Use non-toxic products for cleaning and gardening maintenance.
- Make sure landscape irrigation is properly set to prevent over irrigation. Landscape should be watered in the early morning or evening and for no longer than 10 minutes.

Materials Storage and Handling

- When possible store materials indoors or under cover areas not exposed to rain and water.
- Store liquids, oil, hazardous waste, and other chemicals in a designated area with secondary containment.
- Keep liquid waste segregated. Many fluids can be recycled through hazardous waste disposal companies, as long as they are not mixed.

Spill Response

- Use absorbents such as cat litter to clean up small spills and disposed properly.
- Keep rags and absorbents readily accessible.
- Keep a spill response plan current and ensure that employees are trained properly.

Waste Management

- Keep property free of trash and debris. Keep all trash inside dumpsters or containers until it can be hauled away.
- Dumpster lids should always be kept closed to prevent rainwater from entering.
- Never place hazardous waste in dumpster or trash bin.
- Recycle cans, bottles, paper, cardboards, and newspaper.
- Recycle cooking oil, motor oil and filters, anti-freeze, batteries, solvents, lubricants, tires, etc. These items are not trash, and are illegal to dump. Contact a hazardous waste hauler for proper disposal.

Employee Training

- Conduct regular training with all employees. Train employees on good housekeeping practices and the importance of pollution prevention.
- Inform employees of materials that can be recycled and those that have special disposal requirement. Identify and label containers.
- Post good housekeeping tips and best management practices on visible places such as the kitchen, or employee bulletin boards.
- Inform subcontractors, property managers, gardeners, and maintenance or cleaning crews about the storm water requirements and pollution prevention measures.