

BMP FH01 - Cleaning Impervious Outdoor Surfaces

Trash, litter and particulate matter typically accumulate on paved impervious surfaces. These materials can then be transported during storm events into the storm drain conveyance systems. Cleaning impervious surfaces with water can rinse these pollutants into the storm drain system. Care must be taken to reduce the accumulation of these pollutants and washing these materials into the storm drain system.



Pollution Prevention Guidelines:

- Equipment will be cleaned in designated isolated outdoor areas where water can be collected for disposal in the sanitary sewer.
- Dry methods (e.g., sweeping) shall be used for routine, frequent cleaning of outside areas and surfaces. Accumulated materials shall be properly disposed.
- Dry cleaning methods are encouraged. Where practicable, the introduction of pollutants (soaps, degreasers, etc.) to wash water shall be reduced or eliminated.
- Wash water and rinse water may not be disposed into the stormwater conveyance system (i.e. driveways, streets, and gutters) under any circumstances. When washing in the vicinity of stormwater conveyance systems located within or downhill of wash areas shall be covered or otherwise protected to prevent the entry of wash water or rinse water.
- Wash water and rinse water that cannot be properly disposed at a job site shall be collected and contained for recycling, reuse, or proper disposal (e.g., sanitary sewer). Dischargers are responsible for obtaining all necessary approvals from the City prior to discharging to the sewer.
- Dry sweeping of paved areas will be performed bimonthly. Particular emphasis will be placed on sweeping the paved areas prior to the wet season and frequently during the wet season.

Training Guidelines:

- Personnel shall be trained to use outdoor cleaning equipment as necessary.