

BMP FU06 - General Outdoor Storage

Materials spilled or leaked from storage areas may accumulate in sediments or on pervious surfaces and then can be carried away by stormwater runoff. Storage materials and products should be stored on pallets, covered areas or sealed in containers where appropriate. To prevent accidental spills, materials or products will be stored away from direct traffic routes. These source control methods for containers and materials stored outside of buildings will help to reduce the potential for any accidents or spills.

Pollution Prevention Guidelines:

- Label, segregate and group similar materials.
- Maintain a record/inventory of materials.
- Keep chemicals in their original containers and well labeled.

Design Guidelines:

- Place items on pallets or other devices.
- Minimize stormwater contact by enclosing the outdoor area with a perimeter berm.
- If feasible, cover the storage area with a roof.

Inspection Guidelines:

- Check storage containers for cracks and age that may cause leaks or breakage and result in a discharge to the storm drain system.
- Collect all spilled materials and properly dispose of them.

Training Guidelines:

- Train field staff to recognize any potential waste dischargers from the storage area.
- Train employees in the proper implementation of storage measures for materials on-site.

