

BMP G11 - Building Maintenance (Stripping & Cleaning)

Stripping and cleaning of building materials can cause pollution to stormwater discharges. Use the following suggestions to help reduce the discharge of pollutants from the campus.

Pollution Prevention Guidelines:

- Avoid stripping or cleaning building exteriors with high-pressure water; seal storm drains. If conducted, water used cannot be discharged to the Storm Water Conveyance System or Receiving Waters.
- Don't rinse materials into the storm drains.

Design Guidelines:

- Don't use paints over 15 years old. These paints may contain toxic levels of lead.

Inspection Guidelines:

- Check the building perimeters and storm drains for discharges of paint and chip residue.
- Check the building perimeters and storm drains for discharges of sediment and debris.

Training Guidelines:

- Train CSUSM staff to recognize illegal discharges.
- Train CSUSM staff in proper building maintenance practices and pollution prevention activities.

