BMP FH04 - Solid Waste Storage/Processing (Composting)

Solid waste and by-products will be disposal of regularly to prevent overfill of waste storage containers, which would increase the risk of waste contacting storm water.

Pollution Prevention Guidelines:

- Dumpsters and other containers shall be maintained in good condition, and shall be kept securely closed when not in use.
- Materials and equipment necessary for the cleanup of trash and debris shall be maintained and kept readily accessible.
- Wet cleaning (hosing, pressure washing, etc.) of trash storage and disposal areas shall only be allowed if adequate precautions have been taken to prevent the discharge of wash water into the storm drain conveyance systems.
- Hazardous materials and wastes shall be stored, managed, and disposed in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.
- All exposed storage areas that are accessible to unauthorized personnel or the general public will be secured to prevent accidental spills, vandalism, or any unauthorized use of the materials or products.
- Containers of grease, meat fat, and used cooking oil will always be tightly covered.

Design Guidelines:

- Where practicable, roof downspouts shall be routed away from work areas and toward pervious areas such as lawns.
- All storage tanks will be protected from potential physical damage from vehicles or other equipment.
- Materials or products will only be stored on impervious and covered areas, or paved storage areas, lined with an impermeable material compatible with the materials being stored.
- Where possible dumpsters will be stored in a covered area.
- Wet and dry waste materials from the kitchen process area(s) will be properly collected in bins and transported to the composting area.

Inspection Guidelines:

- Solid waste storage containers and disposal area(s) shall be inspected at a minimum on a weekly basis.
- Check dumpsters for leaks and replace immediately when leaks are detected.
- Identify substances (e.g. bird droppings, oil & grease, leaves, etc.) which have accumulated and remove as necessary to prevent or reduce the discharge of contaminants.

Training Guidelines:

- Train staff on an annual/or as needed basis in protecting storm drain conveyance systems from pollutants associated with solid waste disposal activities.
- Train staff to recognize and signs and characteristics of spills and illegal dumping.
- Train staff to follow through with appropriate procedural protocols.

