

BMP G08 - Solid Waste Storage



Solid waste and waste products will be disposal of regularly to prevent overflow 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.
- Dumpsters and 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 solid waste storage areas and toward pervious areas such as lawns.
- All storage containers 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.
- Equipment located on rooftops shall be periodically inspected, and preventive maintenance conducted as necessary to prevent leaks and spills.
- Where possible dumpsters will be stored in a covered area.

Inspection Guidelines:

- High priority hot spot solid waste storage containers and disposal area(s) shall be inspected at a minimum on a quarterly basis.
- Check dumpsters for leaks and replace immediately when a leaks are detected.
- Identify substances (i.e. bird droppings, oil & grease, leaves, etc.) which have accumulated and such materials and substances will be removed 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.