

# Help make a difference with Water Pollution.

## Changing Oil and Other Fluids? Practice the following:

- Use a drip pan every time you drain fluids.
- Drain vehicle fluids indoors and only on floors.
- Transfer fluids drained from vehicles to a designated waste storage area as soon as possible.
- Use absorbents or rags to clean up any spilled oil or fluid.
- Never pour vehicle fluids or any hazardous wastes into sinks, toilets, floor drains, outside storm

## Body Work

- Solvents, thinners, paints, and sanding wastes all cause problems for both sanitary sewers and the storm drains.
- Conduct all body repair and painting indoors or under cover.
- Minimize use of degreasers to clean body parts before painting. Instead, brush off loose debris and use rags to wipe down parts.
- Clean spray gun in a self-contained cleaning unit; recycle the cleaning solution when it becomes too dirty to use. Never discharge cleaning waste to the sewer or storm drain.

## Engine & Parts Cleaning and Radiator Flushing:

- Solvents are hazardous to employees and can ignite in sewers.
- Never discharge solvents or radiator fluids to the sewer or storm drain. Recycle instead.
- Make sure no wastewater from engine or parts cleaning or steam cleaning is discharged where it may flow to a street, gutter, or storm drain.
- Designate specific areas for engine, parts, and radiator cleaning. These areas should be indoor and convenient to treatment devices

## Housekeeping, Education, and Training:

These practices will minimize liability, reduce costs and make it easier to detect spills and potential problems.

- Prevent spills, but if they occur, clean up immediately.
- Use absorbents to clean up spills instead of hosing down.
- Sweep or vacuum the shop floor frequently.
- Label drains inside and outside your shop to indicate whether they flow to an oil/water separator, directly to the sewer or a storm drain.

Outside your shop, storm drains carry runoff from streets, gutters, and parking lots directly to local creeks with no waste treatment. When oils, dissolved metals, and other vehicle fluids reach a creek, they threaten water quality and the health of wildlife in our waterways. Vehicle service employees can help protect water quality in important ways by following the guidelines and maintenance procedures listed below.

It is a violation of the City of Garland's Stormwater Ordinance to discharge harmful waste products & wastewater into storm drains. It is also a violation to discharge water from a car wash service into a storm drain. This may result in a Notice of Violation or Citation. For more information, call the Health & Environmental Services Department at 972-205-3460. To report stormwater pollution, call the Stormwater Hotline at 972-205-2180.

