

# Trash & Dumpster Management

Don't let your trash end up in our waterways

## Best Management Practices

1. **Keep dumpsters, trashcans and recycling bins covered, except when filling or emptying.** Schedule pickup frequency to keep trash from holding the cover open. Open lids allow contact with stormwater, which dissolves and transports contaminants into the stormwater system. Open lids also invite pests to spread trash around.
2. **Do not put liquids or greases in the trash containers.** They should go down the sanitary sewer or be discarded in a grease barrel. Liquids may be accepted by the local sanitary sewer district, check prior to discharging any liquid into the sewer line.
3. **If using a compactor ensure that there is no liquid leaking out onto the pavement where it will come into contact with stormwater.**
4. **Check that the compactor, dumpster or trashcan are in good condition, with no holes or accumulation of grime.** Trash containers should be leak-free. When necessary, call the sanitation company to replace or clean the containers.
5. **Regularly inspect the trash enclosure and general area for problems such as trash not in the container and accumulation of grease or food on the ground.** Clean the trash enclosure as needed to remove any accumulations of grime and/or general trash.
6. **Clean trash cans in a designated area with a connection to the sanitary sewer such as mop sink or floor drain.** Do not use a drain without knowing whether it flows to the sanitation sewer, storm drain or self-contained internal sump. Confirm before using drains to ensure proper disposal. Never discharge wash-water to storm drains or offsite.
7. **Designate an area for trash collection away from storm drains.** This allows problems at the trash container to be corrected before reaching the storm drain or flow offsite.
8. **Consider using a locking dumpster to prevent illegal dumping.**
9. **Consider requiring a trash management deposit when leasing out facilities.** This will help ensure that trash is placed in the trash containers, not left on the ground or just thrown in the enclosure.
10. **Recycle as much as possible.** Contact your trash hauler, or check with your local authorities for more information on recycling.



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Our actions within our watersheds have a direct impact on our rivers and streams. These Best Management Practices help prevent pollution from going down the storm drains and into our rivers.

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