



City of Valdosta Engineering Department *Stormwater Division*

GAS STATIONS / CONVENIENT STORES

How Can It Impact Stormwater?

Water resources are very important to every community and stormwater can greatly impact their quality. For example, the stormwater runoff from gas stations can include a mixture of gasoline, diesel, antifreeze, and other fluids. Oil for example is an organic compound and can be very harmful to the environment. Studies have shown that approximately 2.1 tons of oil ends up in rivers, streams, and lakes on an annual basis. Every single quart of oil that drips from our vehicles can create an oil slick of an estimated 2 acres and also pollute 250,000 gallons of water. Accidental spills and leaks from vehicular fueling can also result in high loads of pollutants entering local water bodies if not properly managed, and may result in violations of local, state, and/or federal regulations.



What Can You Do?

To help minimize stormwater pollution for gas stations, below are a few suggestions to help protect our water resources.

- Provide an emergency shut-off switch for gas pumps
- Check gas dispenser hoses regularly
- Maintain fuel dispensing areas using dry cleanup methods such as sweeping, absorbents, and rags for spills, leaks, and debris
- Place trash in receptacles
- If a leak or spill is detected, immediately contact:

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