



## City of Valdosta Engineering Department *Stormwater Division*

### TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRY

An estimated 180 million gallons of used oil is improperly disposed of each year (Alameda CCWP, 1992). The used oil from one oil change can contaminate 1 million gallons of freshwater — a year's supply for 50 people. Fluid spills and improper disposal of materials result in pollutants, heavy metals, and toxic materials entering ground and surface water supplies, creating public health and environmental risks. Developing and maintaining Best Management Practices (BMPs) for your business, involving the cleanup and storage of automotive fluids and the cleaning of vehicle parts can help reduce the negative impact on stormwater runoff and local water supplies.



Consider the following practices:

<b>FUELING AREAS</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Store oil containers indoors.</li> <li>• Locate fueling islands in covered locations. Curbs can also be installed to prevent water from flowing through areas where spills are likely to occur.</li> <li>• Use dry cleanup methods rather than hosing the fuel area down.</li> </ul>
<b>VEHICLE OR EQUIPMENT WASHING AREAS</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Truck or engine washing areas should be curbed or bermed to prevent run-off of wash water.</li> <li>• Contain and recycle used wash water.</li> </ul>
<b>VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Place drip pans under leaking vehicles. Promptly transfer used fluids to a proper container.</li> <li>• Use absorbent materials to clean up small oil spills. Sweep up and properly dispose of used absorbent materials.</li> <li>• Do not pour liquid waste down floor drains, sinks or outdoor storm drain inlets.</li> </ul>
<b>TRAINING</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide training to employees to reduce pollution and save money.</li> </ul>

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