



# Vehicle and Equipment Repair

## *Best Management Practices (BMPs) for Stormwater Protection*

Stormwater enters our storm drainage system and discharges directly to the Rio Grande **without treatment**. Wastes should not be disposed into our storm drainage system. It is important to keep these pollutants from entering our waterways.

Scrap metal pollutants include (but are not limited to): oil, gasoline, diesel, transmission fluid, coolant, solvents, trash, metals and grease.

### Best Management Practices

Below are suggested practices to prevent negative impacts to stormwater quality.

- **Educate** employees about pollution prevention measures and goals.
- **Focus** pollution prevention activities on containment of spills and leaks, which generally occur during liquid transfers.
- **Frequently** spot clean leaks and drips using dry clean-up methods. Any absorbent used to clean the spill or leak must be picked up and disposed of or recycled properly. Use reusable rags over disposable absorbents when possible.
- **Never** use wash down methods to clean up a spill.
- **Label** drains to indicate where they flow: to an oil/water separator, to the sanitary sewer, or to a storm drain.
- **Maintain** clean repair areas using dry cleanup methods such as sweeping for removal of litter and debris.
- **Cover** nearby storm drains during transfer of fuels and other automotive/repair-related liquids.

### Generated Hazardous Waste Products

- Store automotive fluids in containers that are elevated from the ground, on pallets or similar, so leaks may be easily detected and addressed.

***Only Rain in the Drains!***



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- Used automotive fluid containers kept outside should be **sealed, labeled, elevated**, and stored in a **covered** area to prevent rain from entering. Containers should be lockable to prevent public from dumping oil or other fluids.
  - A **catch pan** should be placed under portable containers of automotive fluids.
  - Install secondary containment for larger non-portable automotive fluid containers.
- Store used batteries in a leak and spill proof container indoors. If kept outdoors an enclosure or covered container should be used.
- Used oil, transmission fluid, antifreeze, other automotive fluids, and lead acid batteries should be recycled at approved locations.



## Reporting and Resources

For questions or to report a discharge, spill, or other environmental violation, please visit the website

### **“Submit an Environmental Complaint”**

(<http://www.bernco.gov/public-works/report-water-waste.aspx>),

Email: **water@bernco.gov**

Phone: **(505) 224-2100**

Bernalillo County Natural  
Resources Services

[www.bernco.gov/stormwater](http://www.bernco.gov/stormwater)  
[www.bernco.gov/pollutionprevention](http://www.bernco.gov/pollutionprevention)

Albuquerque Metropolitan  
Arroyo Flood Control  
Authority

[www.amafca.org](http://www.amafca.org)

Middle Rio Grande  
Stormwater Quality Team

[www.keeptheriogrand.org](http://www.keeptheriogrand.org)