



Contractor Yards

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.

Pollutants of concern include (but are not limited to): sediment, solvents, trash, metals, chemicals such as wood preservatives, oils, hydraulic fluid, fuels, and grease.

Best Management Practices

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

- **Educating** employees on these BMPs is key to proper implementation.
- **Reduce** inventory of raw materials when and where possible.
- **Store** construction materials such that rainwater will not carry rust, chemicals from treated wood, or fine materials off the property.
- Drainage from contractor yards should **never** directly enter streets, gutters, ditches, arroyos, or storm drains.
- **Frequently** check all vehicles and equipment are free of leaks.
- Any leaks that occur should be **immediately** cleaned with an absorbent material and disposed of properly.
- Used petroleum and automotive fluids should be **recycled** or disposed of properly.
- A **catch pan** should be placed below chemical containers to prevent spills from coming into contact with stormwater.
- All petroleum products, paints, and other chemicals should be kept in **sealed** and properly **labeled** containers, **elevated** on a pallet or similar, and stored **indoors** or **under cover**, away from potential contact with rain and stormwater.

Only Rain in the Drains!



- Metal and treated wood materials:
 - Preferably, store **indoors**.
 - When storing indoors is not feasible, store under a **covered** area to prevent contact with rainfall.
 - **Elevate** from ground on pallets or similar to prevent contact with stormwater run on.
- If large piles of fine or lightweight soils or sand are stored, periodically wet down surfaces of piles to prevent wind transport.



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
www.bernco.gov/pollutionprevention

Albuquerque Metropolitan
Arroyo Flood Control
Authority

www.amafca.org

Middle Rio Grande
Stormwater Quality Team

www.keeptheriogrand.org