



Scrap Metal Recycling

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 and train** all employees about pollution prevention measures and goals, conduct annual refreshers.
- **Never pour automotive fluids down storm drains or on the ground**
- Clean **spills and leaks** immediately using dry cleanup methods.
- Use **catch pans** under leaking vehicles until drained or repaired; do not allow to overflow.
- **Containers of used automotive fluids** should be sealed, elevated on pallets, stored in a covered area, labeled, and have a drip pan or other secondary containment.
- **Recycle** used oil, transmission fluid, antifreeze, other automotive fluids, and lead acid batteries at approved locations.
- Inspect **used batteries** for leaks or damage, and store used batteries in leak-proof containers in a covered area.
- Before storing or crushing vehicles, **empty all fluids**, and **remove** brake pads, tires, and mercury switches.
- **Clean parts** inside or under a covered area surrounded by berms or a sump.

Only Rain in the Drains!



- » Perform **loading/unloading** in areas that are covered, hard-surfaced, and bermed.
- » **Store materials** inside when possible, or outside in a covered area and elevated on pallets.
- » Pave or concrete **stockpile areas**, and install berms to prevent stormwater from flowing through.
- » **Regularly inspect** around storage containers and stored vehicles for leaks or spills.



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Reporting and Resources

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

“Submit an Environmental Complaint webpage”

(<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