

## Employee & Client Education

Employees can help prevent pollution when you include urban runoff training in employee orientations and reviews. Promote these Best Management Practices (BMPs):

### **Storage containers should be regularly inspected and kept in good condition**

- Materials should be placed inside rigid, durable, water-tight and rodent-proof containers with tight fitting covers.
- Materials should be stored inside a building or a covered area that is paved and designed to prevent runoff from entering storm drains.
- Temporary plastic sheeting should be placed over materials or containers and secured with ties and weighted objects. (Not appropriate for storing liquids).

### **Employees and customers should be able to see the BMPs.**

Showing customers that you care enough to protect our streams and river is good for public relations.

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(334) 354-6149

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This brochure is one of a series of pamphlets describing  
storm drain protection measures.

Other pamphlets include:

- Automotive Maintenance & Car Care
- Detention Pond Maintenance
- Landscaping, Gardening & Pest Control
- Erosion Control

## **Spill Response**

Montgomery Fire Department  
911

City of Montgomery  
Engineering Department  
(334) 241-2696

Montgomery Stormwater Management  
(334) 354-3149/2696

Alabama Department of Environmental  
Management (ADEM)  
Water Division  
(334) 271-7700

## **Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste Disposal**

Montgomery Recycling Center  
(334) 241-2175

## **To Report Illegal Dumping**

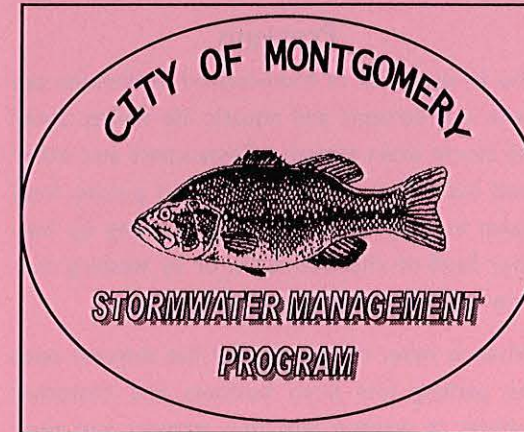
Housing Codes  
(334) 241-2161

Stormwater Management  
(334) 354-6149

## **To Report a Drainage Problem**

City of Montgomery  
Engineering Department  
(334) 241-2696

Stormwater Management  
(334) 354-6149



***DUMP NO WASTE  
IN OUR RIVERS AND  
STREAMS!!!!***

Volunteer your time!!! Help protect our streams  
and the Alabama River.

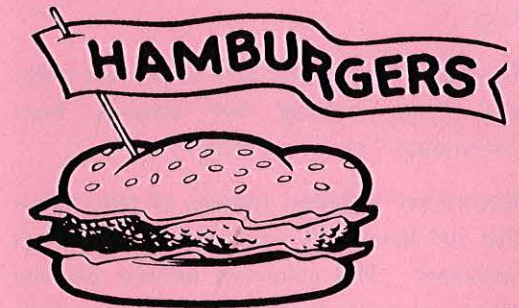
Join our neighborhood Clean Water Partnerships,  
volunteer to monitor water quality or pick up lit-  
ter at one of our community clean-ups.

For information contact any of the following:  
William T. Manasco, City Engineer  
Stormwater Management Division  
(334) 241-2696

Susan Carmichael, Clean City Commission  
(334) 241-2175

Remember:  
**Clean water is your choice.**

# **STORMWATER BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMPS)**



## **FOOD SERVICE INDUSTRY**

RESTAURANTS  
GROCERY STORES  
BAKERIES  
FOOD PRODUCERS & DISTRIBUTORS

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## **Stormwater Pollution Prevention Clean Water: Your Choice**

Alabama has two drainage systems—the sewers and the storm drains. The storm system was designed to prevent flooding by carrying excess rainwater away from streets, homes, and businesses. However, the storm drain system has no filters, so it carries urban pollution straight into our streams and the Alabama River.

This pamphlet tells you how to prevent pollution from entering our streams from “stormwater” or “urban runoff”.

Stormwater pollution consists of rain, industrial and household water mixed with urban pollutants. The pollutants include: oil, and other automobile fluids, paint and construction debris, yard and pet wastes, household garbage or other litter, and pesticides. When the polluted water enters our streams untreated, it leaves toxic chemicals in our creeks and rivers and tons of trash along the banks.

The runoff contaminates our streams and rivers, harms aquatic life and increases the risk of flooding by clogging drains and inlets or catch basins.

Best Management Practices (BMPs) help to ensure cleaner streams and rivers, and a cleaner Montgomery.

### Problems

The by-products of food-related businesses can harm our streams and aquatic life if they enter the storm drain system. Restaurants and other food businesses can cause harm by putting food waste in leaky dumpsters, not cleaning up outdoor food or chemical spills, or by washing outdoor spills into the storm drain system.

When it rains, motor oil that has dripped onto the parking lots from business and customer vehicles is washed into our streams and river through the storm drain system.

What can oil and grease do to the system? It can clog fish gills and block oxygen from entering the water. Toxins found in oven and floor cleaners can, in high concentrations, harm aquatic life.

### I. Keep Work Sites Clean

#### Solutions

Handling, storing, and disposing of materials properly can prevent pollutants from entering the storm drain system.

Maintain delivery trucks properly.

Wash greasy equipment such as vents and vehicles before storing outside and only wash in designated wash areas properly connected to the sewer system with an appropriate oil/water separator.

Design oil and grease receptacles so that spills are confined.

For more information, contact:

Montgomery Water Works and Sewer Board  
(334) 240—1653

### 2. Minimize Wastes

Use non-disposable products. Serve food on ceramic dishes rather than paper, plastic or Styrofoam and use cloth napkins rather than paper ones. If you must use disposable products, use paper instead of Styrofoam.

- Buy the least toxic products available.
- Look for “non-toxic”, “non-petroleum based,” “free of ammonia, phosphates, dye or perfume,” or “readily biodegradable” on the label.
- Avoid chlorinated compounds, petroleum distillates, phenols, and formaldehydes.
- Use water-based products.
- Look for “recycled” and “recyclable” containers.

### 3. Parking Lot Drainage

Cover, repair, or replace leaky dumpsters and compactors, and/or drain the pavement beneath them to the sewer. Rain can wash oil, grease, and substances into the storm drain system.

Clean up leaks, drips, and other spills immediately. This will prevent contaminants from going into the storm drain.

Never hose down “dirty” pavement or surfaces where materials have spilled. Use dry cleanup methods (use Hi-Dry, cat litter and/or rags) whenever possible, sweep and place in garbage can.

### 4. Recycle Wastes

Purchase recycled products. By doing so, you help ensure a use for the recyclable materials that people collect and recycle.

Recycle the following materials:

- Food waste (non-greasy, non-animal food waste can be composted)
- Paper and cardboard
- Container glass, aluminum, plastic, and tin
- Oil and grease.

Separate waste. Keep your recyclable wastes in separate containers according to the type of material. They are easier to recycle if separated.

Paper and containers can be brought to the City's Recycling Center. Call 241- 2175 for more information.

Recycle oil and grease wastes. Never dump them down storm drains or on the ground. Look in the yellow pages for “rendering companies” or “oils-waste.”