



STORMWATER BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES at Your Special Event

You are responsible for identifying and implementing Best Management Practices (BMPs) to prevent discharge to the storm drain system. The following examples of BMPs have been developed to assist you in establishing your event plans.

Remember significant fines and cleanup costs may result from illicit discharge to storm drain.

STORM DRAIN PROTECTION

- Prior to the event, locate and protect all drainage points using storm drain protection devices such as sand bags, fabric filters, berms, containment booms.
- Placement of food/beverage stands, trash disposal, crafts, portable restrooms and other activities that may potentially generate pollutants must be located at least 15ft. away from storm drains.
- Notify all vendors of their storm water pollution prevention responsibilities and potential for fines that could be assessed for violations.
- Make spill kits available that are comprised of paper towels, cloth towels, kitty litter and/or sand. Place them in all areas where food, beverages and crafts/creative activities occur, as well as where portable restrooms may be placed.
- Spills must be captured and prevented from entering storm drains.
- Material must be removed from the venue site upon conclusion of the event dismantle process.
- DO NOT block a storm drain or use BMPs that may create a potential for flooding if there is a chance of rain forecasted during your event.

CREATE A SPILL CLEAN-UP PROTOCOL

Have a plan that includes:

- Procedures for different types of spills
- Schedules for training of employees and volunteers about procedures
- Creation of clean-up kits placed in well marked areas where spills are likely to occur
- Designation of key employees/volunteers who will monitor clean-up
- Posting the clean-up plan in a visible location in the work area

Some of the event components to think about include run-off from:

- Food and beverage booths
- Portable restrooms
- Trash disposal
- Cleaning the venue area



LET ONLY RAIN
DOWN 
THE STORM DRAIN

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CONTROL: Once you have located the nearest storm drain(s) and those most likely to be impacted, take measures to ensure that nothing will enter or be discharged into them (BMPs outlined on page 1).

CONTAIN: Isolate the storm drain and/or work area to prevent potential flow or discharge from leaving the area.

CAPTURE: Once your event has ended clean up the area. If there is litter, trash or sediment, sweep it up and discard in a trashcan. If you do have liquid spills, use an absorbent to clean it up. Never use a hose to wash it away and place the debris into a trash container.