

STORMWATER SMART CHEMICAL STORAGE

As an industrial facility, you are responsible for all pollutants that leave your property and play a big role in keeping our waterways clean. Follow these tips to prevent spills at your facility and reduce stormwater pollution.

DO



- Maintain accurate records and Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) information for stored materials at your site.
- Store chemicals and hazardous materials according to manufacturer's instructions. Storage areas should be dry, cool, well-ventilated, and insulated.
- Check storage areas often for leaks and spills. Be sure storage areas are equipped with easily accessible spill cleanup kits.

DON'T



- Don't leave materials out in the open. Store them indoors in covered, sealed containers, such as a locked cabinet.
- Don't dump excess, outdated, or waste materials into storm drains or other stormwater structures. Dispose of them according to the manufacturer's instructions and local regulations.
- Don't store materials incorrectly. Waste materials should be kept in secure, labeled containers.

WHY IS THIS NECESSARY?

Rain that falls on and around your site can pick up trash, dirt, and chemical residue as it drains away. Much of this water, or stormwater, flows into storm drains before discharging directly into our lakes, rivers, and streams. It's one of the top causes of water pollution in the country. By keeping pollution off the ground, you prevent it from entering and impacting our waterways.