



# IT'S TIME TO CURB PARKING LOT POLLUTION

As a business owner, you play an important role in keeping our waterways clean and healthy! Follow these tips to reduce polluted runoff, prevent flooding, and make a good impression with your customers.

## DO

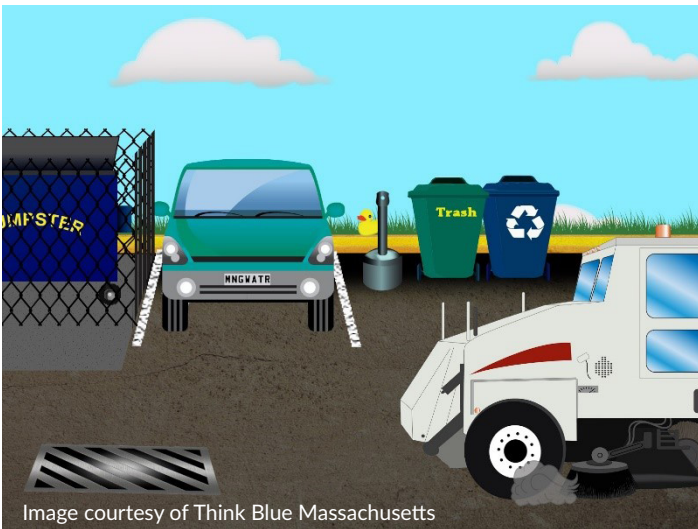


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- Maintain storm drains and stormwater structures regularly and clean and repair as necessary
- Sweep parking lots regularly to collect trash and debris.
- Provide covered trash cans, recycling bins, and cigarette butt receptacles in highly visible areas.
- Consider a dumpster enclosure, pad or fence around dumpsters.

## DON'T



- Don't wash vehicles in your parking lot. Use a car wash or vehicle wash bays that direct dirty wash water to the sewer, not storm drains.
- Don't leave dumpsters open.
- Don't let trash cans overflow.

## 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.

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Business owners can do their part to keep Michigan's waterways clean.  
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