

DID YOU KNOW: STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION GUIDELINES

For gas stations



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Did you know that the City of Brighton has a Stormwater Program?

The primary goal of the City of Brighton Stormwater Program is to reduce the amount of pollutants entering our local streams, lakes and rivers. Pollutants, such as gasoline, oil, antifreeze, trash, and spilled chemicals may be transported by stormwater runoff from commercial land uses into the storm sewer system discharging directly into our local waterways, causing water pollution. Unlike the wastewater in our sewer system, stormwater is not treated before entering our streams, rivers, and lakes.

So how does this pollution from stormwater runoff occur?

At commercial business such as fueling stations, vehicle fluids often leak or get spilled onto the ground. During a rain or snowmelt event these surface contaminants are washed into the storm sewer system located in the business parking lot. This type of pollution can cause adverse impacts to wildlife, stream vegetation, water quality, and recreational amenities.

What can I do to help prevent stormwater pollution in Brighton?

Easy, mindful business practices can go a long way to reducing the pollution that reaches our waterways. Check out the handy pollution prevention chart below:

The Do's and Don'ts of different pollution sources associated with gas stations:

Vehicle Fluids (oil, fuel, antifreeze): Leaking vehicles and fluid spills are carried from fueling stations to local waterways.

- Don't allow patrons to leave vehicles unattended while fueling.
- Don't continue to fill the tank after the pump shuts off.
- Provide signage warning patrons not to leave vehicles unattended while fueling.
- Clean up any spills with floor-dry (kitty litter) in a timely manner. **DO NOT RINSE SPILLS WITH WATER.**
- Use a funnel when refilling vehicle fluids in the engine compartment.

Floatables (Trash): During rain events, trash floats on top of runoff and is carried into the storm sewer system.

- Don't store trash outside of a dumpster. If the dumpster is frequently full, an increase in service may be needed.
- Don't store product outdoors that may float on stormwater runoff.
- Provide adequate trash receptacles at the business for patrons.
- Service trash receptacles frequently.
- Walk the business daily to pick up blowing or escaped trash.

