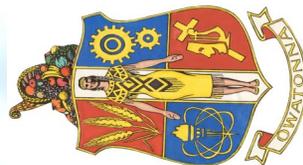


Good Housekeeping Practices to Remember

- ◆ Weekly, inspect your building, storage areas and dumpsters for discharges
- ◆ Do not dump waste or wash water outside and make sure to have measures in place to contain detergents
- ◆ Check any grease traps or drains for overflows
- ◆ Avoid over applying deicing agents
- ◆ Do not pile snow in waterways or treatment areas
- ◆ If cleaning or sweeping parking lots avoid discharging to any catch basin
- ◆ Check your equipment and vehicles for leaks
- ◆ Provide secondary containment for stored chemicals
- ◆ Make sure adequate supplies to clean up spills are available at all times



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Water Quality and Responsible Business Ownership



"Clean H₂Owatonna" is the City of Owatonna's Stormwater Management initiative to improve the quality of our water resources and protect them from harmful pollutants.

Business Operations and Pollution

Grease, oils, detergents, chemicals, and other substances from operations and processes have the potential to enter the stormwater system and ultimately a nearby body of water. These pollutants have the ability to adversely affect aquatic life, cause environmental degradation, and impact recreational use of waterways.

Simple measures can be implemented at your place of business to ensure your operations do not impact the community's water resources.



Management Responsibilities

- ◆ Ensure your business has a spill kit and spill response plan
- ◆ Ensure employees know locations of your spill kits and proper use
- ◆ Annually assess operations/processes to determine effectiveness of best management practices
- ◆ Report any spill or discharge into the stormwater system to the City of Owatonna Engineering Department

Illicit Discharge

An illicit discharge or *illegal* discharge is any disposal or dumping of any substance other than rainfall into the stormwater system. The accidental spill or leak of a harmful substance is also considered an illicit discharge and public nuisance.

*It is your responsibility to report it to the City as soon as possible, to avoid further penalties outlined in the **City Stormwater Management Ordinance 52.25***



To schedule a site visit to discuss preventative measures at your location please contact the Water Quality Specialist or Engineering Department.

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