

Ice Prevention Materials

Minimize the use of salt or de-icing materials and store salt where it will be protected from precipitation.

Proper Storage of Materials

Store where spills can be prevented and rain will not disperse the material.

Management of Waste Materials in Dumpsters

Cover dumpsters and make sure there are no leaks or spills. Do not throw away hazardous waste.



Pool Draining

- First dechlorinate the water and bring the pH to neutral (6-8).
- Drain your swimming pool slowly.
- Drain onto lawn, to allow the soil to act as a natural filter.
- If you have a salt water pool, drain in increments and pour fresh water onto the lawn after draining.

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Storm Water Business



Building Maintenance

- Cover and contain housekeeping operations, to prevent chemicals from entering storm drains.
- Store chemicals under a cover when not in use or during rain.
- Clean up spills
- Collect water from pressure washing or cleaning paint brushes to dispose to a sanitary sewer.



Lawn Chemical Use

Pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers can get blown into waterways, which can lead to algae growth and dead spots.

- The best time to use these products is in the fall (dry season).
- Don't use on hard surfaces.
- Use non-water soluble products.

On-Site Infiltration Benefits

- Runoff receives treatment, to help filter out chemicals, bacteria, and debris, instead of entering surface waters.
- Slows down runoff reducing erosion
- Helps preserve water quality, aquatic habitat, and organisms.
- Prevents contaminated water from flowing to another watershed area.



Management Techniques

- Direct water to more permeable areas.
- Detain water to allow infiltration.
- Intercept and hold rainwater.
- Keep up with maintenance activities - mowing and inspections after rain events.

Manage Parking Lot Surfaces

- Sweep parking lot and dispose of debris
- Plant greenery around parking lot.

Proper Car Care and Activities

- Work on cars in a maintained area.



Car Washing

When cars are washed on paved surfaces, the excess water sheet flows to the nearest catch basin. The water then carries the soap chemicals, metals, oils, and other contaminants that are washed off your car directly into Londonderry's water bodies.

What can you do?

- Wash the car on the lawn or gravel.
- Direct excess water towards grass or other permeable surfaces and avoid drains.
- Use a commercial car wash.