The LA County Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit requires restaurants, commercial businesses, and industrial businesses to implement best management practices (BMPs) to prevent stormwater pollution.

**NPDES Compliance Inspection**

Restaurants, commercial businesses, and industrial businesses are subject to an inspection. A National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) inspection report will be generated at each facility to confirm stormwater BMPs are effectively implemented in compliance with city municipal ordinances and the Clean Water Act.

A written Notice of Violation with a correction period may be issued first to allow adequate time to correct the violation(s). If the violation is not corrected by the date specified in the Notice of Violation, an Administrative Citation may be issued as well as a reinspection fee.

For more information or additional educational materials contact Environmental Compliance

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The City of Alhambra will provide on-site technical assistance or telephone consultation. Additional educational materials are available. **It is the responsibility of a business to reduce the discharge of pollutants.**
The City of Alhambra has two drainage systems; the sewer and the storm drain. The storm drain system was designed to prevent flooding by carrying excess rain water away from City streets out to the Los Angeles River.

During storms in urban areas, rainwater runoff picks up pollutants from parking lots, trash enclosures, streets, and sidewalks. Pollutants such as oil, grease, debris and trash contain chemicals and bacteria that are harmful to aquatic life and humans.

Stormwater pollution can also be caused by nuisance water from sources such as irrigation systems, car washing, driveway and pavement rinsing. These sources can also carry pollutants directly to lakes, rivers, and beaches.

Please consider these general best management practices (BMPs) in this brochure for your business to assist with stormwater pollution prevention:

- **Properly maintain all outdoor areas; parking lot, loading docks, trash receptacles, and drain grates.**
- **Protect outdoor work and storage areas from pollutant mobilization by using tarps or covers.**
- **Properly dispose of trash, construction, and hazardous waste.**

**Businesses are inspected to assure measures are in place to prevent stormwater pollution. Examples of businesses that are subject to inspection include:**

- **Food Service Establishments**
- **Industrial**
- **Gas Stations**
- **Automotive Services**
- **Auto Sales / Repair**
- **Car Rental**
- **Tire Service**
- **Vehicle Towing / Storage**
- **Retail Auto Parts**
- **Car Wash / Detail**
- **Warehousing**
- **Manufacturing**
- **Fabrication**
- **Woodworking**

**Examples of service providers that are not inspected by the City of Alhambra but require the use of stormwater pollution prevention BMPs:**

- **Mobile Automobile / Equipment Repair**
- **Mobile Washing / Detailing**
- **Power Washing**
- **Mobile Carpet, Drape, or Upholstery Cleaning**
- **Swimming Pool / Spa**
- **Water Softening**
- **Portable Sanitary Services**
- **Commercial Applicators of Pesticides, Herbicides and Fertilizers**

**Food Service Establishment BMPs**

- Down spouts are free and clear of grease build up.

- **Do not** wash/rinse floor mats, exhaust hood, trash cans or equipment outdoors.

- **Do not** discharge / pour any waste water or wash water to the sidewalk, street, gutter or storm drain.

**Automotive Business BMPs**

- Use watertight waste receptacles, keep dumpster lids closed, and do not overfill.
- Discharge wastewater to the sewer via utility sink.

- **Do not** dump or pour wastewater in the gutter, street, or storm drains.

- Contain all site materials and cleanup spills without using water and have absorbent material available.
- Avoid illicit connections to the storm drain system and prevent discharges from flowing off property.
- Train all employees to implement BMPs.
- Train employees to manage hazardous materials.

- **Do not** hose down your driveway, sidewalk, floor mats, loading docks, patios or parking lots to the street, gutter or storm drain.