Pollutants can be found in many of the products and materials used at businesses and commercial and industrial facilities. Every facility must take steps to prevent pollutants from entering the storm drain system, where they can then find their way to our rivers, lakes and streams.

There are many actions, or Best Management Practices (BMPs), that can be taken to keep pollutants out of the storm drains. Some commonly used BMPs include:

**General Housekeeping**
Regularly sweep paved areas to remove sediments. Pick up trash. Contain and clean up spills. Never wash spills or other materials into a storm drain. Use “dry clean up” methods.

**Illicit Discharges**
Do not dispose of chemicals, oil, paint or other hazardous materials on the ground, in the gutter or in a storm drain. If you see anyone dumping to a storm drain, call the local Health Department or the Utah Dept. of Environmental Quality’s spill response hotline at (801) 536-4123.

**Grease & Oil**
Recycle grease and oil. Do not pour them into storm drains. Keep grease bins covered and contained.

**Vehicles and Equipment**
Avoid discharging vehicle wash water to a storm drain. Contain leaks and immediately repair leaking vehicles and equipment. Perform vehicle maintenance indoors or under cover whenever possible.

**Fertilizer, Pesticide and Herbicide Application**
Do not over-apply fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides. Follow the manufacturer’s application instructions. Excessive application of nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus can impact aquatic habitats by decreasing oxygen levels necessary for aquatic species. Sweep up spills and areas of over-application. Always store these chemicals in covered and contained areas.

**Training**
Instruct employees on your facility’s stormwater pollution prevention measures.

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More information about stormwater BMPs can be found on the U.S. EPA’s website at http://www.epa.gov/npdes.