



Landscape & Lawn Services Best Management Practices (BMPs)

Proper yard care and equipment management, and handling of chemicals & trash can prevent pollutants from entering the lagoon through the curb and storm drain system.

BLOW GRASS CLIPPINGS & LEAVES BACK ONTO LAWNS for use as mulch – avoid storm drains and paved surfaces.

USE LOW NITROGEN or NON-TOXIC FERTILIZERS & PESTICIDES. Use sparingly and **NEVER** within 1 foot of curbing, driveways and waterways.

ENCOURAGE NATIVE PLANTS, shrubs & trees.

KEEP SEDIMENT OR YARD WASTE PILES at least 1 foot away from curb, driveway or waterway. Cover lightweight or fine material piles to keep from blowing away.

STORE CHEMICALS OUT OF RAIN and away from roadways, storm drains & waterways. Chemicals include fertilizers, pesticides, lubricants, waste oil, fuel, antifreeze and hydraulic oil.

STORE MATERIALS, STOCKPILES & EQUIPMENT OUT OF RAIN & WIND when possible. If outdoors, cover with plastic sheeting. Drain fluids from equipment left for long-term storage.

INSPECT EQUIPMENT & VEHICLES OFTEN FOR LEAKS. TRANSFER FLUIDS CAREFULLY – use drip pans or drop cloths to catch spills.

NEVER HOSE DOWN SPILLS. KEEP ABSORBANT MATERIALS ONSITE (kitty litter) for prompt spill cleanup.

CLEAN UP LEAKS & SPILLS IMMEDIATELY to prevent contamination of soils & offsite areas.

For more information, contact the
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