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Good Housekeeping BMPs

best management practices (BMPs): any program, process, siting criteria, operating method, measure or device which controls, prevents, removes, or reduces non-point source pollution

After prevention, **good housekeeping** is the simplest, and least costly, BMP. BMPs also include maintenance practices that result in the proper handling, storage and disposal of environmentally harmful materials to prevent dry weather and wet weather non-point source pollution. BMPs can include source controls (controls that keep pollutants out of runoff) and treatment controls (controls that remove pollutants from runoff). (City of Stockton, California). Good housekeeping is a fundamental “source control” BMP.

Use your favorite Internet search engine to find good housekeeping BMPs that meet your specific purpose, or BMPs that you can tailor to your needs. As of June 4, 2002, www.google.com listed over 32,000 “hits” on a search using the key words “good housekeeping best management practices.” The key words “vehicle maintenance best management practices good housekeeping” produced almost 7,700 “hits.”

Listed below is a sampling of Internet links that will guide you to a wide range of Good Housekeeping BMP options. Although some of the BMP fact sheets found at these sites are associated with programs to comply with federal storm water pollution prevention rules, the fact sheets contain or suggest good housekeeping BMPs that can be successfully applied to reduce many forms of non-point source pollution.

<http://www.coastal.ca.gov/la/docs/murp/4p.pdf> This guidance published by the California Coastal Commission lists BMPs for construction sites, and includes references to additional information.

<http://www.coastal.ca.gov/la/docs/murp/4x.pdf> Also from the California Coastal Commission, this article presents BMPs to address the discharge of pollutants to the storm drain from food service facilities, and includes a list of publications with additional information on food service facilities BMPs.

<http://www.epa.gov/npdes/menuofbmps/menu.htm> The home page of USEPA’s Office of Wastewater Management’s “National Menu of Best Management Practices for Storm Water Phase II.” The three site listed below are a sampling of the information available at this site.

http://www.epa.gov/npdes/menuofbmeps/con_site.htm This site includes an introduction to rules governing storm water runoff to small municipal separate storm systems (MS4s) from construction activities that result in land disturbance of an acre or more, and links to dozens of construction BMP fact sheets

<http://www.epa.gov/npdes/menuofbmeps/post.htm> Links to fact sheets to many BMPs for Post-Construction Storm Water Management in New Development & Redevelopment

<http://www.epa.gov/npdes/menuofbmeps/poll.htm> Links to fact sheets of BMPs Pollution Prevention / Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations, although many of the BMPs have broad application throughout the community.

<http://www.stormwatertaskforce.org/> The Work Products of this task force, a coalition of California municipalities and other public agencies, include Best Management Practice Guide for Retail Gasoline Outlets, and the California Stormwater Best Management Practices Handbook series, handbooks of BMPs for construction activities, municipal activities, industrial and commercial activities, and for conducting storm water compliance inspections of industrial facilities.

<http://www.state.tn.us/agriculture/nps/bmpu.html> This page from the State of Tennessee Department of Agriculture is a list of simple, common sense, urban runoff best management practices and good housekeeping measures that can be implemented in homes, businesses, and construction sites.

<http://www.smbay.org/bmp/22.htm> Sponsored by the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Project, this page has links to BMP fact sheets that address several common sources of non-point source pollution that affect coastal areas and beaches through good housekeeping and other practices.

<http://www.chattanooga.gov/STORMWATER/BMPs/BMPs3.htm> This page from the City of Chattanooga Public Works Department's Storm Water Best Management Practices BMP focuses on the automotive service industry, and has links to other BMP fact sheets intended for business and the public.

<http://www.cleanwaterhonolulu.com/practices.html> This page from the City of Honolulu lists a number of simple, straightforward good housekeeping BMPs.

<http://www.autorecyc.org/docs/govt/stormwater.html> The Stormwater Best Management Practices of the Automobile Recyclers Association. Thirty core BMPs are listed, including good housekeeping practices.

<http://www.ci.santa-cruz.ca.us/pw/environmental/> From the City of Santa Cruz, California's Public Works Department, this site includes links to BMP fact sheets, including some in Spanish.

<http://es.epa.gov/oeca/fedfac/cfa/vmf/p2stormwater.html> This USEPA site focuses on good housekeeping BMPs through pollution prevention at outside vehicle maintenance facilities.

<http://www.ci.fremont.ca.us/citysvcs/esd/preventionatwork.html> More simple and straightforward good housekeeping BMPs, from the City of Fremont, California.

www.ncwcd.org/ims/ims_info/recomm1d.pdf From the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District, this article discusses BMPs, including good housekeeping, involving urban turf management.