Motor Oil
Best Management Practices

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Stormwater Pollution Prevention

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

BMPs are procedures and practices that help to prevent pollutants such as dirt, chemicals, trash, metal, automotive fluids, and other pollutants from entering the storm sewer system.

The storm sewer system consists of curb, gutter, catch basins, pipes, ditches, stormwater ponds, as well as natural drainage such as creeks and rivers.

Dumping motor oil into storm drains is illegal? This is called a Prohibited discharge and is against the City of Moorhead Stormwater ordinance.

Oil that leaks from vehicles onto roads and driveways washes into storm drains. Your actions have a significant impact on water quality. Be a part of the solution by applying the following tips.

♦ Stop drips. Check for oil leaks regularly and fix them promptly.

♦ Place ground cloths or drip pans beneath vehicles with leaks or while doing engine work.

♦ Clean up spills immediately.

♦ Collect all used oil in containers with tight fitting lids, and label the container

♦ Dispose of used oil properly. Never dispose of oil or other engine fluids down the storm drain, on the ground, or into a ditch.

♦ Recycle used motor oil. Check out the Clay County Hazardous Waste Facility website at www.co.clay.mn.us for locations.

Motor oil is banned from Minnesota landfills. One quart of motor oil can contaminate 250,000 gallons of water. That is more than 30 people drink in a lifetime.

DID YOU KNOW

Storm drains are NOT connected to the sanitary sewer or wastewater treatment plant.

The primary purpose of a storm drain is to carry rainwater and snowmelt away from developed areas to prevent flooding. As water flows over the ground it picks up a variety of pollutants which then flow to local stormwater ponds, ditches and the Red River.

The City of Moorhead is committed to improving water quality and reducing the amount of pollutants entering waterways.

Only Rain in the Storm Drain