

General Best Management Practice (BMPs) for Every Business

1. Pick up litter and trash around your property weekly.

2. Keep dumpster areas clean—bag any loose trash or small items to prevent debris from being blown away.



3. Ask your landscape contractor to avoid blowing leaves, grass clippings, and other yard debris into the road or storm drains.

4. When buffing your floors, dispose of stripper and wax wash into the mop sink, not the storm drain or ground outside. Contact Mount Pleasant Waterworks at 843-884-9626 for a permit to discharge any large volume of waste into the sanitary system.



5. Dump mop water down the sanitary sewer. Do not dump outside on the ground or down the storm drain.

6. Recycle plastic, paper, cardboard, glass, and aluminum at a local recycling center. Contact Charleston County Environmental Management at 843-720-7111 for more information. Contact a private company to find more information on recycling used oil.



7. Maintain and clean your property's storm drainage system. If you have a pond or other stormwater BMP, perform regular inspections to make sure pipes are clean, vegetation is cut back, trash is removed, and no dumping has occurred.



8. Remember, local ordinances prohibit all chemicals, including detergents, from entering the storm drain. Use a commercial car wash or wash company cars on grass or areas where the water can be filtered or collected for disposal.

9. Educate all employees on using good BMPs at your business.



Call the Water Quality division at 843-849-2022 for more tips, suggestions, or to schedule an inspection to help identify BMPs specific to your business.