The Clean Water Program’s friendly and knowledgeable staff support companies like yours in preventing storm water pollution. The fact that you’re reading this fact sheet probably means you have already decided to take steps to keep our water safe and healthy. Water flowing into storm drains travels directly to local creeks and then to San Francisco Bay. It does not go to a water treatment plant first. Implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs) can reduce or eliminate potential discharges of pollutants from heavy equipment yards.

This fact sheet identifies typical activities conducted at equipment rental yards and the associated polluted discharges. Structural and operational Best Management Practices (BMPs) which can prevent these illicit discharges are also described. This fact sheet can help you prepare for a municipal inspection as the activities and BMPs listed herein are integral to these inspections. This fact sheet may also be used to train your employees. The Clean Water Program recommends distributing copies of this fact sheet to your employees and/or posting a copy in a prominent place at your facility.

Keep all wash waters, wastes materials, and sediments OUT of the storm drains.

### Sanitary Sewer vs. Storm Drains

- **Sanitary Sewer** is used to bring wastewater from homes and businesses before discharging into the San Francisco Bay.
- **Storm Drains** are used to bring water from catch basins, streets, parking lots and lawns.

Storm drain discharge contains a variety of pollutants that may cause negative impact on local wildlife and could impact public health.

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For Heavy Equipment Yards

### Vehicle Tracking & Dust Control

- Routinely sweep facility grounds. Frequently sweep, vacuum, or mop to clean areas.
- Place drip pans under these vehicles if leaks are observed.
- Perform all maintenance on vehicles and equipment outdoors.
- Use off-site commercial car wash, if feasible.
- Use a hose nozzle or pressure washer that automatically turns off when unattended to washing vehicles.

### Vehicle & Equipment Servicing

- Conduct all repair activities outdoors or under a covered and contained area.
- Always use a drip pan under vehicles while unloading hoses, uncranking filters, or removing other parts.
- Frequently inspect vehicles for leaks and perform necessary repairs.
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- Never discharge waste (e.g., used oil, brake fluid) directly to a sanitary sewer, storm drain or the surrounding area.
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### Vehicle Washing

- Use site commercial car wash, if feasible.
- Designate an area that can be used solely for vehicle washing. Collect and dispose all of the wash water onsite properly.
- Use rags for small spills, a damp mop for large spills.

### Outdoor Storage of Material

- Enclose or cover materials and wastes to reduce exposure to rain at all times.
- Store liquid and cover all building material that poses a potential impact to storm water quality.
- Prevent runoff from vehicles and equipment. Do not switch on and run off from material.
- Keep lids closed on all outdoor containers. Keepake covered with tarps or secondary containers that will prevent spills.

### Equipment Tracking

- Keep records of illicit discharges and their cause.
- Keep records of municipal inspections.
- Keep records of any BMP that is not working.
- Keep records of any spills that have occurred.

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### Waste Management and Disposal

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### Sanitary/Sewer vs. Storm/Drains

- The sanitary sewer system collects and transports fresh homes and businesses before discharging into the San Francisco Bay.
- Storm drain system collects and transports runoff into the San Francisco Bay.

Sanitary/g3Sewer/g3vs./g3Storm/g3Drains/g3

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