Landscape Maintenance

Stormwater Best Management Practices

Protect creeks and lakes.
Avoid fines for polluting.

Yard Waste

- Never dump yard waste along stream banks or into storm drains — it clogs drains that increases flooding risk, and pollutes water, harming fish and wildlife.
- Compost yard waste, spread it as mulch, drop it at a recycling center (for a small fee), or follow your municipality's guidance for curb pickup.
- Do not blow yard waste onto streets or other paved areas.

Fertilizer & Pesticide Application

- Use eco-friendly or natural options whenever possible.
- Read and follow label directions and safety data sheets (SDS) for proper use, storage and disposal of fertilizers and pesticides.
- Avoid applying fertilizers and pesticides within 25 feet of streams, lakes and ponds.
- As a general rule, avoid appling within 48 hours of a rain event—products may wash away instead of soaking in.

Storage & Disposal

- Triple-rinse containers before properly disposing of them. Pour the rinse water into landscaped areas—not onto a paved area or into a storm drain.
- Keep containers sealed and stored where stormwater can't reach them. Place them in secondary containment so any leaks or spills are captured safely.
- Train employees on best management practices for application, storage, and disposal. Keep training materials easily accessible and on-site for quick refreshers.

Spills & Leaks

- Secure product containers in vehicles to ensure that spills do not occur.
- Keep spill response materials in vehicles in case a spill occurs.
- Never hose down outside spills. Use absorbent and dry cleanup methods instead.
- Maintain equipment (tanks, hoses and fittings) to prevent leaks.
- Report spills and leaks greater than 25 gallons or any amount that enters the storm drain system to 311.
- Train employees on spill response.

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Charlotte-Mecklenburg STORM WATER Services

Storm Drains are for Rain Only

Stormwater goes directly to our creeks and lakes without treatment. Pollution that washes away with rain and enters storm drains is called stormwater pollution.

Preventing stormwater pollution is important for:

- Drinking Water
- Recreation
- Fish & Wildlife
- Quality of Life

Pollution *isn't just* bad for the environment—it's illegal.

You can be fined up to $10,000 per day, per event.

Report Spills and Stormwater Pollution to 311 or (704) 336-7600

For more information, visit StormWater.CharMeck.org.

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