

REPORT POLLUTION!

Call the hotline if you observe any of the following:

- Illegal Dumping
- Trash & Debris
- Foul Smells
- Spills
- Unusual Colors
- Cloudiness

**Stormwater Pollution Hotline -
(305) 266-4214**

**For more information, visit:
www.cityofwestmiamifl.com**

City of West Miami Stormwater Utility
901 SW 62 Avenue
West Miami, FL 33144
(305) 266-4214



NPDES Stormwater Program
901 SW 62 Avenue West
Miami, FL 33144

An important message regarding West Miami illicit discharge and connection ordinance that may affect your business.

Stormwater Pollution Prevention
Best Management Practices

Custodial and Building Management

BMP'S



*An important message from the
City of West Miami about
stormwater pollution laws and how
they can affect your business.*

The City of West Miami prohibits the entry of illicit discharges into the municipal storm drain system.

Best Management Practices

Pressure Washing Buildings & Sidewalks

- Minimize the amount of water used during pressure washing duties.
- Do not use cleaning products that contain hazardous materials such as bleach.
- Block storm drains with an impervious barrier or berms, or seal storm drains with plugs or rubber mats.
- Wastewater with high pollutant concentrations including cleaning compounds, must be completely collected and may not be left to evaporate.

Car Washing

- Wash on gravel, grass, or loose soil so soapy water (biodegradable soap) can filter through vegetation and soil before entering ground water or running off into a ditch or storm drain.
- Wash water cannot be released to a storm drain.

Leaky Cars

- Encourage tenants with leaky cars to fix them.
- Use kitty litter to soak up oil spills and then bring it to the Miami-Dade Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center (305) 468-5900.

Cleaning

- Use the least toxic chemicals as possible for the job at hand. check out ecocycle.org or epa.gov for suggestions.
- Cleaning water should be disposed of down the sanitary sewer or in a grassy area that does not flow to a storm drain.

Painting Activities

- Never clean brushes or rinse paint containers into a street, gutter, storm drain, or swale/ditch.
- Water based paint brushes may be rinsed in a drain leading to the sanitary sewer (i.e., indoor plumbing) or to a grassy area, as long as overflow water does not discharge to a storm drain.
- It is illegal to dump any hazardous materials into storm drains, sinks, toilets, the trash, or on the ground.
- Excess paint may be taken to Miami-Dade Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center (305) 468-5900.
- Store all painting-related products in a covered area away from floor drains and storm drains. Keep absorbent material on hand to catch any spilled material.

Kitchen Grease

- Grease blockages in the sanitary sewer system can cause raw sewage discharges into our natural creek systems and can clog sewer lines that you must repair.
- Educate tenants to pour kitchen grease into a container to then place in the trash.

Dumpsters

- Do not overfill dumpsters
- Keep dumpster lids closed
- Replace leaky dumpsters
- Post signs stating prohibited wastes
- Don't place liquids in dumpsters
- Do not place dumpsters where litter and leaks will enter a storm drain

Laundry Room

- Install waste water lint traps, as required by City code in community laundries and clean them out regularly.

Pet Waste

- Provide tenants with dog walking areas away from water bodies and storm drains.
- Pet waste can spread disease and pollutes our waterways.
- Make it easy for your tenants to keep your property clean by supplying bags for proper disposal.

Landscaping

- Select native species that are drought tolerant with low fertilizer and irrigation requirements.
- Group plants with similar water needs.
- Install and maintain rainfall sensors and/or soil moisture probes for automatic sprinklers.
- Only water when plants show signs of stress (folded leaf blades, footprints remain visible).
- Fertilize sparingly with low nitrogen and zero phosphorus fertilizers (ie-6-0-6).
- Only water on your designated day of the week, as per South Florida Water Management District. For more information on watering restrictions, go to their website, sfwmd.gov
- Compost grass clippings or place loose (not bagged) clippings into a 32 gallon garbage can. DO NOT place yard waste (clippings, pine needles, branches, etc.) near or on top of storm drains.
- Do not discard debris into storm drains, wetlands, roadways or adjoining property.