



PET GROOMING

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMPs)

Proper pet washing, equipment management, and handling of chemicals and waste, can prevent pollutants from entering Orlando's lakes through the stormwater system.

- **POUR ALL SUDSY WATER FROM PET WASHING INTO A UTILITY OR WASH SINK, A LARGE GRASSY AREA, OR TO A LEAK-PROOF CONTAINER IN YOUR VEHICLE SO YOU CAN DISPOSE OF IT RESPONSIBLY IN A UTILITY SINK AT YOUR FACILITY.** Never dump washwater into paved areas, storm drains, or waterbodies.
- **USE BIODEGRADABLE AND NON-TOXIC MATERIALS WHENEVER POSSIBLE.**
- **REMOVE SOLID WASTES (I.E., HAIR/FUR, NAIL CLIPPINGS, ETC.) FROM WASTEWATER, AND DISPOSE OF THESE IN GENERAL GARBAGE.**
- **CONDUCT YOUR WORK INDOORS TO PREVENT WATERBORNE OR AIRBORNE (I.E., POWDERS, SPRAYS) MATERIALS FROM REACHING THE STORM DRAIN.**
- **RINSE OUT DETERGENT CONTAINERS INTO YOUR UTILITY SINKS TO USE THE VERY LAST OF YOUR DETERGENT.**
- **CLEAN OUT EQUIPMENT IN A UTILITY SINK OR LARGE GRASSY AREA.** Never hose them down in paved areas or near storm drains.
- **DEVELOP A SPILL PLAN, AND USE DRY CLEANUP METHODS ONLY FOR SPILLS.** Keep absorbent materials (kitty litter) on hand to assist in containing spills. Never hose down a spill.
- **STORE CHEMICALS IN SPILL-PROOF CONTAINERS INDOORS.**
- **SWEEP AND COLLECT FLOOR WASTE INTO A LEAK-PROOF CONTAINER.** Deposit wastes in trash receptacle only. Never hose into paved areas, storm drains, or waterbodies.
- **KEEP DUMPSTER AREA CLEAN AND COVERED.** Ensure dumpster plug is in place. Never fill dumpster with liquid waste or hose into paved areas and storm drains.
- **DO NOT WASH ANIMALS THAT HAVE BEEN TREATED FOR PESTS WITHIN THE PAST TWO DAYS IN ORDER TO PREVENT PESTICIDES FROM ENTERING THE WASTEWATER OR STORMWATER SYSTEMS.**
- **RECYCLE DETERGENT AND CHEMICAL CONTAINERS IF COMPATIBLE WITH LOCAL FACILITIES.**
- **EDUCATE YOUR STAFF ON PROCEDURES TO PREVENT STORMWATER POLLUTION.**

Remember...ONLY RAIN DOWN THE STORM DRAIN!!

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