

## Is your dumpster or compactor creating stormwater pollution?

Protect stormwater runoff that enters our streams and rivers by following these simple maintenance tips:

### Cover

- Keep dumpsters and compactors under cover to keep rain and other liquids out.

### Close

- Train employees to close dumpster lids after every use.
- Fix broken or damaged lids.
- Secure lids, when possible, to prevent wildlife use.
- Secure lids in windy areas to prevent them from blowing off.
- Don't overfill dumpsters and make sure lids can close.

### Clean

- Use a broom to sweep up litter into trash receptacle.
- Keep dumpsters away from storm drains.
- Inspect dumpsters regularly to ensure they are clean and working properly.
- Use signage to remind employees of proper use.
- Avoid washing the dumpster area with detergents or allowing liquids from the dumpster to leak into a storm drain.

### Contain

- Fix leaks and use a spill kit to clean spills immediately.
- Train employees on proper use to prevent spills or litter around dumpster

## Your business can reduce stormwater pollution and protect rivers!

Your business is integral to our community and, like other community partners, you need to properly dispose of business waste products.

It is especially important for businesses to help prevent contamination and by-products from polluting streams, lakes, and groundwater. Following a few simple practices can keep sediment, chemicals, soaps and waste water out of storm drains and out of our waterways.

*Remember,  
only rain down the storm drain!*

**Storm drains lead to nearby waterways or groundwater. Never dispose of anything other than rain water down a storm drain.**



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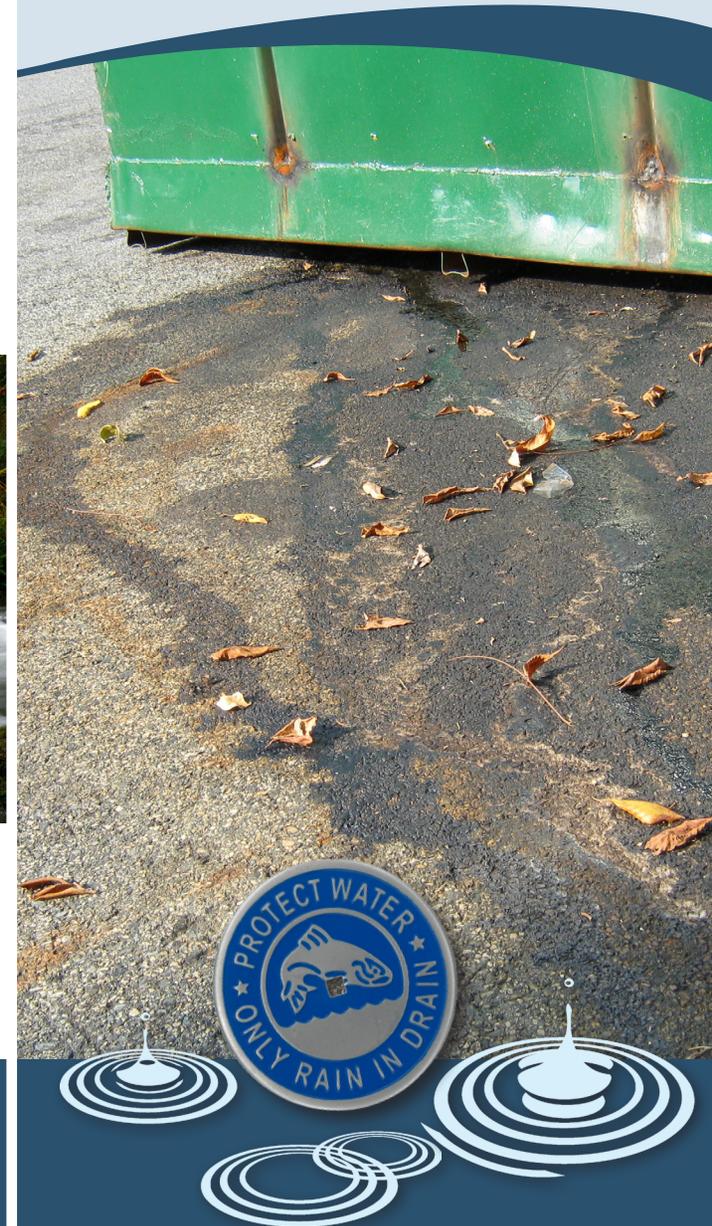
## For additional information:

Contact your local jurisdiction for technical assistance and the regulations that apply to your business or visit [www.StormwaterPartners.org](http://www.StormwaterPartners.org) for more tips.



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# Dumpster Maintenance



Properly maintain your dumpster area to prevent stormwater pollution

# ALWAYS ↓

Place dumpsters under a covered area to prevent rain from getting inside.



Sweep the area around your dumpster with a broom and dispose of debris properly. Do not wash into a drain.



Keep the lids closed at all times to keep rain out and garbage in. Contact your hauler to repair or replace damaged or missing lids.



Contain spills immediately. Have a spill kit available and make sure employees know how to use it.



**LEAK** - Identify leaks in the container and fix lids. Don't allow leaks to reach the storm drain. Call service provider for assistance.



**LEAVE OPEN** - Keep water out of the container and close lids.



**CLEAN TO DRAIN** - Minimize pollutants in the storm drain and never pressure wash, hose or sweep materials to the drain.



**NEVER →**