

# Our Business Practices Can Affect Our Rivers

## Actions Affecting the Rivers

Preventing entry into storm drains

Identifying and controlling wastewater discharges

Cleaning paved surfaces

Cleaning up spills and leaks

Storing and handling inventory

Storing and disposing wastes

Cleaning equipment and parts

Dumpster and loading dock maintenance

Employee training/education

## Tips to Prevent Pollution

Never pour any wastes (including floor wash water) down a storm drain. Clean up spills and leaks (liquid or solid immediately) to prevent them from washing into a storm drain.

Ensure that sinks and floor drains are connected to the sanitary sewer. If possible, seal all floor drains to prevent an accidental discharge.

Use a broom, vacuum, mechanical sweeper and/or mop to clean parking lots and paved areas around your facility instead of hosing down these areas.

Use drain mats or plugs to prevent spilled fluids from entering sanitary and storm drains. Clean up spills immediately to prevent them from washing into a storm drain.

Store inventory indoors. If you must store materials outdoors, keep the materials off the ground and protected from the weather.

Never mix waste types. Place all waste in containers that are clearly labeled, durable and compatible with the waste. Waste storage areas should not be exposed to rain water.

Clean parts in self-contained unit, solvent sink or parts washer to prevent solvents and grease from entering a sewer or storm drain connection. Clean food service equipment (floor mats, garbage cans, carts or trays) in a designated indoor area such as a mop or pot sink.

Keep dumpster lid closed to keep out the rain water. Keep litter from accumulating around the loading dock area.

Post instructional/informational signs around your shop as reminders for customers and employees

