



DON'T LET SPILLS SLIP INTO OUR STREAMS

Your Station. Your Standards. Our Water.

Gas stations are vital to everyday transportation – but they can also be hotspots for stormwater pollution. Fuel spills, oil leaks, and runoff from vehicle fluids can wash into storm drains and end up in local rivers, lakes, and drinking water sources.

Protect your business and the environment by following simple best practices.

Keep It Clean at the Pump

- Maintain spill kits on-site and train staff on proper cleanup procedures.
- Perform regular inspections and maintenance of fueling areas and oil/water separators.
- Cover fuel dispensing areas with a canopy to reduce contact with rainwater.

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stormwater in Tompkins
County:
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BMPs for Gas Stations

Most of the Best Management Practices (BMPs) identified below are non-structural and cost little or nothing to implement. This listing is not all-inclusive and other non-structural and structural BMPs can be implemented to further reduce the potential of contributing to stormwater pollution.

DO'S

- Use absorbent materials to clean up small spills immediately and dispose of them properly.
- Maintain spill kits at all fueling stations and train staff on how to use them.
- Sweep pavement areas regularly to remove debris that could wash into storm drains.
- Store chemicals and waste materials in covered, labeled containers on secondary containment.
- Dispose of hazardous materials properly and in accordance with local regulations.

DON'TS

- Allow fuel, oil, or other chemicals to flow into storm drains or onto uncontained pavement.
- Ignore minor spills or rely solely on hosing them down with water.
- Use pressure washing as a primary cleaning method without proper containment.
- Leave containers uncovered or store hazardous materials near drains or low-lying areas.
- Store containers outside without secondary containment.

Questions about stormwater at your gas station?
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