



Stormwater Quality

Why does stormwater quality matter?

The storm drainage system is designed to collect stormwater — rain and snowmelt — and release it directly into the Colorado River. Pollutants, such as fertilizers, pesticides, oils and other sediments are transported in stormwater as rain and snowmelt travel across lawns, roads, parking lots and other surfaces. This polluted stormwater then enters the Colorado River without filtration or treatment. Contaminants that enter the stormwater system degrade the quality of our drinking water and pollute our fish and wildlife habitats.

How can you help?

As good stewards of the Colorado River, we must take extra precautions to ensure that stormwater runoff does not jeopardize the quality of our natural water source. Implementing Best Management Practices (BMPs) and reviewing waste management systems will help ensure a safe work environment and provide a cleaner water source for years to come.



MESA COUNTY
PUBLIC WORKS STORMWATER DIVISION

Protecting Our Rivers.

BMP - Stormwater Quality for Auto Shops

Thank you for taking the time to review and apply Best Management Practices (BMP) for stormwater quality in our community. Through education and steadfast improvements, we can protect our rivers and preserve our local fish and wildlife.

Material Storage

- Store all containers under cover to protect from rain and snow.
- Use secondary containment devices or construct dikes/curbs to contain any possible leaks.
- Close and secure any opened containers.

Spills/Leaks

- Keep a spill kit appropriate for the materials you use handy and stocked, ready for use.
- Use drip pans for leaking vehicles.
- Clean up spills immediately.
- Use absorbent material or containment berms for liquid spills.
- Always use dry methods to clean spills (sweeping) and never hose down the area.
- Drain fluids from leaking or wrecked vehicles as soon as possible.

Cleaners and Solvents

- Read labels carefully and follow directions.
- Dispose of unused portions properly, and follow appropriate cleanup practices.
- Collect wastes for recycling or proper disposal.
- Whenever possible, purchase water-based cleaning products. Look for products labeled “non-toxic” and “readily biodegradable.”

Trash

- Prevent polluted runoff by covering all dumpsters and replace leaky ones.
- Keep the area around the dumpsters free of trash.
- Ensure trash is properly bagged before placing it in the dumpster.

Learn more at stormwater.mesacounty.us

