Good Cleaning Practices
For the Auto Industry

Cleaning Up & Preventing Spills & Leaks
Use drip pans and ground cloths under vehicles. Drain and recycle fluids from wrecked or leaking vehicles as soon as possible. Label all hazardous materials clearly. Train employees on spill prevention and response procedures. Maintain a fully stocked spill kit near any cleaning agents or hazardous materials.

Metal Grinding & Polishing
Keep a bin under your lathe or grinder to capture metal filings. Send uncontaminated filings to a scrap metal recycler for reclamation. When using a spray gun or sand blaster, work inside, not outdoors.

Cleaning Auto Parts
Scrape parts with a wire brush or use a bake oven rather than liquid cleaners. Arrange drip pans, drying racks, and drain boards so that fluids are directed back into the sink or the fluid holding tank. Recycle used solutions through a licensed hazardous waste hauler.

Prevent Wash Water from Entering Storm Drains
Use a commercial car wash facility for cleaning vehicles. Allowing car wash runoff to flow into the storm drain is illegal. Prevent mop water from going into parking lots, alleys, sidewalks, and streets.

Operate a Clean, Dry Shop & Dumpster Area
Sweep, mop, or vacuum instead of hosing down garage floors or outdoor work areas. Keep dumpster areas clean and the lids closed. Do not fill dumpster areas with liquid waste or hose them out.

Dispose of Hazardous Waste Properly
Recycle oil, paint, oil filters, and antifreeze. Never mix hazardous wastes and label all hazardous materials clearly. Contact a licensed hazardous waste hauler to dispose of saturated absorbents.

Protect Outdoor Work & Storage Areas
Cover equipment, materials, and work/storage areas. Place bulk fluids in secondary containment. All hazardous materials and hazardous waste must be stored where they are protected from rain.

Clean Water Starts Here
To Report a Spill Call (253) 447-4320 or Bonney Lake 311 or (253) 841-5538 (After Hours & Weekends)

Our actions within our watersheds have a direct impact on our lakes, streams, and wetlands. These Best Management Practices help prevent pollution from going down the storm drain and into our water bodies.

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