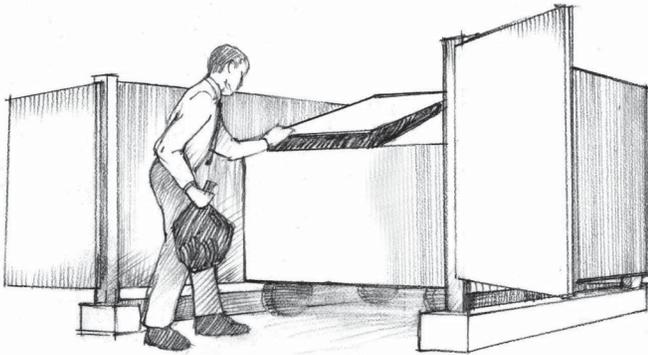




# Trash & Dumpster Management Best Management Practices

## Best Management Practices Fact Sheet



Keep lids closed, except when dumping or removing trash. This practice keeps storm water from leaching contaminants out of the trash and container and into storm water runoff. Also keep the trash enclosure and adjacent area clean of debris.

### Goal / Purpose

Minimize or prevent the discharge of floating materials and pollutants into storm water runoff from trash and garbage collection containers. Reducing trash disposal through reuse and recycling of as many waste streams as possible, such as paper, cardboard, aluminum cans, plastics, wood and scrap metal.

### Selection of Best Management Practices

In order to comply with the City of Salinas' Municipal Storm Water Permit, Best Management Practices (BMPs) must be employed at municipal, commercial, and industrial facilities. BMPs may be selected from the options listed below or developed on a case-by-case basis as appropriate.

### Practices

1. Keep dumpsters, trashcans and recycling bins covered, except when filling or emptying. Schedule pickup frequency to keep trash from overflowing or causing the cover to remain open. Open lids allow contact with stormwater, which dissolves and transports pollutants into the storm drainage system. Open lids also invite pests to enter enclosure and spread trash around.
2. Do not put liquids or greases in the trash containers. They should go down the sanitary sewer or be discarded in a grease barrel. Liquids may be accepted by the local sanitary sewer district; check prior to discharging any liquid into the sewer line.
3. If using a compactor, ensure that there is no liquid leaking out onto the pavement where it will come into contact with storm water or drain into the City's storm drainage system.
4. Check that the compactor, dumpster or trash receptacle are in good condition, with no holes or accumulation of grime. Trash containers should be leak-free. When necessary, call the sanitation company to replace or clean the containers.
5. Regularly inspect the trash enclosure and general area for problems such as trash not in the container and accumulation of grease or food on the ground. Clean the trash enclosure as needed to remove any accumulation of grime and/or general trash/litter.

6. Clean trash cans in a designated area with a connection to the sanitary sewer, such as mop sink or floor drain. Do not use a drain without knowing whether it flows to the sanitation sewer, storm drain or self-contained internal sump. Confirm before using drains to ensure proper disposal. Never discharge wash-water to storm drains or into the street.
7. Designate an area for trash collection away from storm drains. This allows problems at the trash container to be corrected before reaching the storm drain or flow offsite.
8. Consider using a locking dumpster to prevent illegal dumping. Signage indicating "Illegal Dumping is a violation of the law" may help dissuade illegal dumping.
9. Consider requiring a trash management deposit when leasing out facilities. This will help ensure that trash is placed in the trash containers, not left on the ground or just thrown in the enclosure.
  - a. Implement a trash management deposit system for rental facilities.
10. Recycle as many waste streams as possible. Contact your trash hauler (Republic Services), check the City of Salinas web page, or contact City of Salinas - Public Works, Solid Waste Division for more information on recycling.

### ***Onsite Work by Contractors***

11. It is important to ensure that the work area is cleaned up and all trash disposed of before leaving the work site.

### **Contractor Requirements**

12. Ensure that contractors provide the County with a copy of their storm water awareness training and procedures for protecting the storm water system. These procedures should cover activities from cleaning windows to painting an entire building.
13. Include specific contract language to inform the contractor that they must comply with federal, state and local storm water rules and regulations as required by the Clean Water Act. Amend existing contracts to include this language, if not already included.

### **Training/Awareness**

14. Ensure all tenants are properly notified to use Best Management Practices for proper trash disposal **management** and recycling. Any information provided should contain information on the selected storm water BMPs and methods for preventing discharge of pollutants into the storm drain system.