

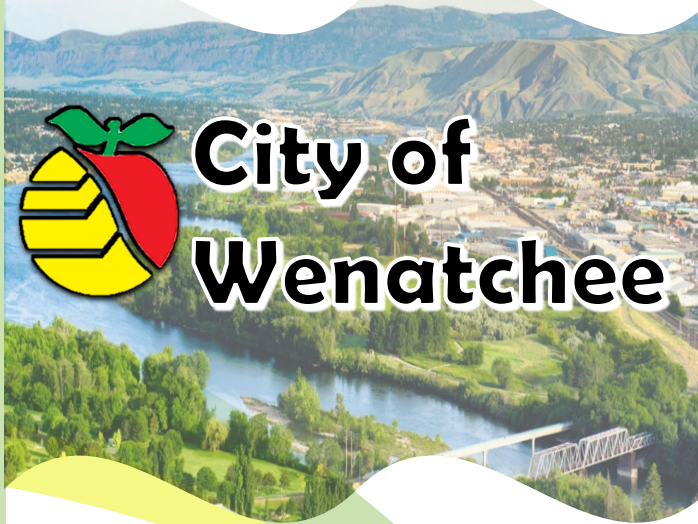
Why are best management practices (BMPs) Important?

BMPs are methods or procedures that have been proven to be effective and practical in preventing pollution from being discharged to the sewer or environment. It is important for all commercial and industrial facilities to have adequate BMPs to treat the high strength wastewater that can be produced before it reaches the sewer system.

Protect our Sewers

Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC)

VOC's are chemical gases released from paint, varnishes, solvents, degreasers and more that are very harmful to human health and can be explosive. Please help keep our wastewater treatment plant workers and equipment safe by following these BMPs and eliminating your wastewater pollution.



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Additional Resources

HAZARDOUS WASTE HANDLING:

Department of Ecology
509-575-2490
www.ecy.wa.gov

Chelan-Douglas County Health District
(509) 886-6400
www.cdhd.wa.gov

Auto Body & Repair Shop



Wastewater Best Management Practices (BMPs)

Auto Shop Facility BMPs

- * Determine if any waste material is hazardous by using the guidelines found in both WAC 173-303-9903 and WAC 173-303-9904.



- * Post signs above drains/sinks prohibiting the discharge of oils and chemicals.



- * Develop a written spill response plan, train employees on clean-up procedures.

- * Keep spill clean-up materials on-site, immediately clean up spills.



Keep all chemical containers on secondary containment trays or in diked areas away from floor drains.

Pollution Prevention Tips

- * Develop and follow a written Environmental Management Plan, periodically inspecting and repairing equipment.

- * Use environmentally friendly cleaning products.

- * Do not allow wash water to enter the storm drain or gutter.



- * For oil-water separators, follow an inspection schedule, contract with a hazardous waste disposal company for cleanouts and retain maintenance records.

- * Use spigots, pumps, and/or funnels when pouring solvents, paints, and cleaners.

- * Frequently sweep or vacuum your shop floor, especially before mopping.

A full list of prohibited discharges to the sewer system, including discharge limits, can be found in Wenatchee City Code 4.08.080.

More Pollution Prevention Tips

- * Drain oil filters for 24 hours before disposing in the trash.

- * Antifreeze should be recycled. Ethylene glycol and propylene glycol should be recycled separately. For more information, search "antifreeze" at the Dept. of Ecology website (www.ecy.wa.gov).

- * Inspect damaged vehicles for leaks, use a drip pan as needed.

- * Never discharge paint gun cleaning solution to the sewer or storm drain.

- * Conduct all sanding and painting indoors.

- * Use vacuum sanding equipment when possible.

- * Do not wet sand in an area with floor drains.

- * When using a wet sanding bucket, settle the contents and carefully discharge the clear water to sewer. Dispose of the dry solids in the trash.

