Mobile Business Factsheet

For mobile dog groomers, carpet cleaning, or other flexible businesses

Mobile businesses often conduct activities outdoors using water and sometimes chemicals, which can easily generate stormwater pollution. To prevent this, integrate stormwater pollution prevention BMPs into standard procedures and employee training. Provide educational materials in employees' primary language when needed.

Follow these four steps:

1. Perform dry cleanup before rinsing.
2. Wash using only water—avoid soaps and solvents.
3. Prevent polluted water from entering storm drains.
4. Dispose of wastewater correctly and legally.

Activities and Their Pollutant Sources

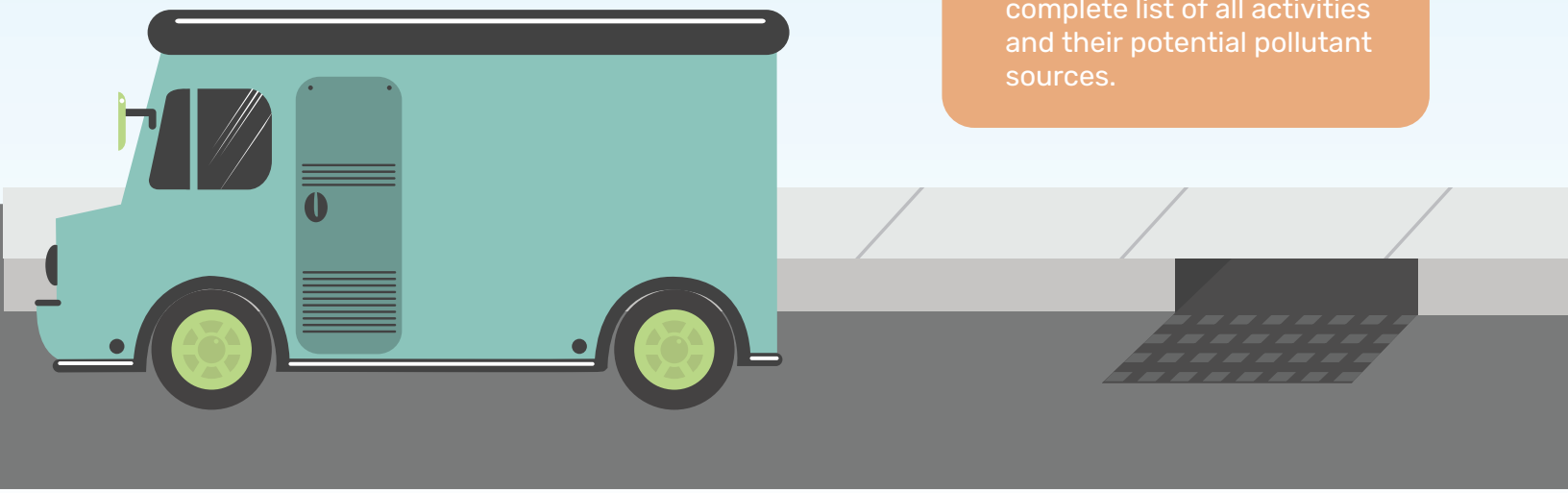
Surface and Vehicle: Washing and Cleaning

- Harmful cleaning chemicals (soaps, solvents, degreasers)
- Toxic materials (oil, antifreeze, grease)
- Polluted wash water from activities like wet sandblasting for paint removal and cleaning

Carpet and Upholstery Cleaning and Washing

- Cleaning chemicals
- Carpet fibers and debris
- Wastewater

Please note, this is not a complete list of all activities and their potential pollutant sources.



Best Cleaning Practices

Sidewalks & plazas

1. Dry cleanup first
2. Rinse with water only. Block storm drains and manage runoff.

Parking areas, driveways, & drive-thrus

1. Dry cleanup first
2. Apply absorbents to soak up oil, then sweep dry.
3. Rinse with water only. Block storm drains and manage runoff.

Building surfaces, decks, & other surfaces without loose paint.

1. Dry cleanup first
2. Rinse using high-pressure water only. Prevent runoff by blocking storm drains.

- Capture debris by screening wastewater when required.
- If permitted, direct water to landscaping or collect and pump it to the sewer.
- Verify sewer discharge guidelines with your local wastewater authority.

Unpainted building surfaces, wood decks, & other unpainted surfaces

1. Seal the storm drain and control runoff.
2. Remove deposits, wood restorer, and other chemicals by using either soap or acid wash.

- Ensure pH is between 6 and 10 before proceeding to step 2
- If permitted, direct water to landscaping or collect and pump it to the sewer.
- Verify sewer discharge guidelines with your local wastewater authority.

Painted surfaces being cleaned to remove paint or graffiti

1. Seal the storm drain and control runoff.

- Ensure pH is between 6 and 10 before proceeding to step 2
- If permitted, direct water to landscaping or collect and pump it to the sewer.

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Discharge into storm drain, accidental or not, can lead to enforcement action which may include fines

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To report illegal dumping, call **(877) WASTE18**
To report toxic spills, call **(800) 33 TOXIC**
To dispose of hazardous waste from a business, call San Bernardino County Fire at **(909) 386-8401**

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