Best Management Practices

To reduce pollution:

- Store chemicals and other materials under cover or inside with secondary containment.
- Keep outdoor areas well maintained. Make sure containers have no leaks, piles are covered, areas are swept.
- Keep dumpster and container lids closed.
- Make sure grease traps, oil-water separators, and catchbasins are well maintained.
- Dispose of wastes properly.
- Clean up spills, train employees, and keep spill clean-up materials on site.

Where can you dispose of your hazardous waste?
Whatcom County Disposal of Toxics
3505 Airport Drive, Bellingham
(360) 380-4640
Call ahead for authorization and prices.
Call Bri & Mindy for other options:
(360) 778-7900

Local Partners:

Puget Sound Partnership
our sound, our community, our chance

Bellingham/Whatcom Chamber of Commerce & Industry

Local Source Control

CITY OF BELLINGHAM
PUBLIC WORKS
STORM AND SURFACE WATER UTILITY

Call one of our local source control specialists to learn more:

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Working with businesses to reduce pollution
Local Source Control is the process of identifying and eliminating sources of pollution that may reach ground and surface water.

Local Source Control Specialists provide education to businesses that want to reduce or eliminate their pollution sources and lessen their impact on the environment. We offer free site visits to businesses that produce or use small amounts of hazardous materials that have a likelihood of coming into contact with our waters. Specialists come to your business to answer your individual questions and help you get the assistance you need to prevent pollution. We also can answer your questions about environmental regulations.

What is Local Source Control?
Our visits can help your business.
During our visits we’ll tour your facility, paying particular attention to:
- Activities that could generate pollution
- Industrial processes that generate wastewater
- Wastewater pretreatment
- Waste disposal
- Product/waste inventory
- Personal Safety
- Spill prevention
- Stormwater related structures
- Outdoor maintenance practices
- Washwater practices
- Outdoor storage of products/waste
- Fueling operations

What is dangerous waste?
Waste with a characteristic of:
- Flammability
- Corrosivity
- Reactivity
- Toxicity
Or any substance that is listed as a dangerous waste. Call us with questions regarding specific wastes.

Examples of dangerous waste:
- Spent solvents
- Fuels and oils
- Dry cleaning wastes
- Paints
- Acids and bases
- Pharmaceuticals

If not managed properly, these substances may also be considered dangerous wastes:
- Fluorescent light tubes
- Batteries
- Equipment containing mercury
- Pesticides
- X-ray fixer