

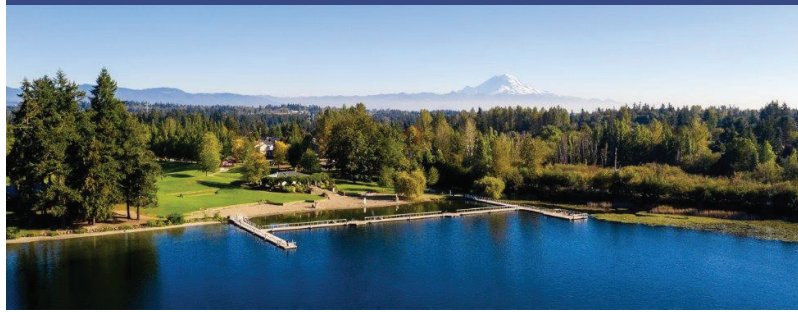
Illicit Discharges

Under the Federal Clean Water Act, it is illegal to allow any pollution to enter the stormwater drainage system or natural waters; including lakes, rivers, streams and wetlands.

Kent City Code 7.14 prohibits the discharge of hazardous materials (see partial list below) into the storm drainage system. Any person who violates this code may be liable for civil and criminal penalties, including up to 90 days in jail, a \$1,000 fine and all associated clean-up costs.

- Solid waste, trash or debris
- Human and animal waste
- Petroleum products
- Antifreeze
- Construction materials
- Acids, alkalis or bases
- Paints, stains, resins, lacquers or varnishes
- Metals in excess of naturally occurring amounts
- Solvents and degreasers
- Pesticides, herbicides or fertilizers
- Steam-cleaning waste
- Laundry waste, soap, detergent and ammonia
- Domestic or sanitary sewage
- Food and food waste including fats, oils and grease (FOG)
- RV waste
- Swimming pool or spa filter
- Chlorine, bromine or other disinfectants
- Yard waste, dirt and sand
- Bark and other fibrous materials
- Collected lawn clippings, leaves or branches
- Silt, sediment, concrete, cement or gravel
- Any other process-associated discharge except as otherwise allowed in Kent City Code 7.14
- Any hazardous material or waste not listed above

Keep Kent's Water Clean



For more information, visit the following links

KentWA.gov/NPDES

KentWA.gov/TalkingTrash

Educational Resources:

StormwaterPartners.com

WAStormwaterCenter.org



KentWA.gov/NPDES

Remember

What goes in here...



Ends up here



Public Works Engineering

400 West Gowe Street
Kent, WA 98032
Phone: 253-856-5500

ONLY RAIN DOWN THE DRAIN

Did you know?

Storm drains discharge untreated water directly to local lakes, rivers, streams and wetlands.

About 75% of the pollution in Puget Sound comes from stormwater runoff caused by everyday activities like car washing, fertilizing and vehicle leaks.

**If it's on the ground,
it's in our water.**



How to Protect Water Quality

Adopt-a-Storm Drain

- Protect waterways and prevent localized flooding by keeping a storm drain in your neighborhood clear of leaves, trash and debris year-round.
- Visit adopt-a-drain.org/wa to sign up so we can track your impact and send you a yard sign and introduction packet.



Properly Recycle or Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste

- Recycle old and unused paint, chemicals, oil, and household hazardous waste.
- Visit ecology.wa.gov/Waste-Toxics/Community-waste-toxics/At-home/recycling-and-disposal-guide to find a hazardous waste disposal site.
- Learn more about King County's Hazardous Waste Management Program for Households and Businesses <https://kingcounty.gov/en/dept/dnrp/waste-services/hazardous-waste-program>

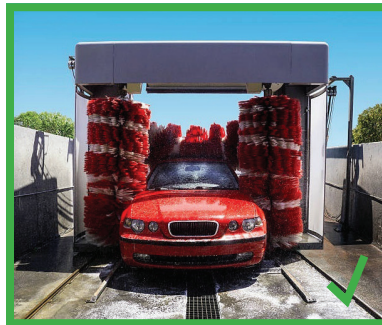
Keep a Spill Kit On-site to Clean Up Accidents

- Clean up spills immediately to prevent contamination of the stormwater system.



Environmentally Conscious Car Washing

- Use biodegradable and less toxic soaps.
- Don't wash your car on the street or driveway.
- Go to a commercial car wash, wash your car in the lawn/gravel, or direct soapy water to a vegetated area.



Get Vehicle Leaks Fixed Immediately

- Don't let your car leak onto the street. Use drip pans or cardboard to catch leaks.
- Clean up spills immediately with dry absorbents, sweep, place in sealed containers/bags and dispose of in trash.
- NEVER dump oil or vehicle fluids down the drain or into the street.
- Visit FixCarLeaks.org for more information.



Only Hire Responsible Contractors

- Mobile businesses such as painters, carpet cleaners, power washers and janitorial services should never dispose of wastewater into storm drains.
- Ensure wastewater is disposed of in the sanitary sewer or at a permitted hazardous waste facility.

Keep Dumpsters and Trash Compactors Clean

- Keep the lid closed at all times.
- Ensure the dumpster is not leaking.
- Keep surrounding area clean and free of litter.
- Request dumpster repair or replacement through service provider as needed.



Pick Up After Your Pet

- Scoop, bag, and dispose of pet waste in the trash, not the compost.



Careful Lawn Care

- Read all labels and use herbicides, pesticides and fertilizers sparingly, do not apply when it's windy or rain is expected, and sweep up any spills from the sidewalk and street.
- Try non-chemical alternatives such as compost, mulch, hand pulling weeds and planting companion plants to deter pests.

