Best Management Practices for Homeowners

Placer County's Stormwater Quality Ordinance, Article 8.28.080 states that it is "unlawful for any person to make or cause illicit discharges." Here are some ways that will help avoid violations, and will help protect our waterways.

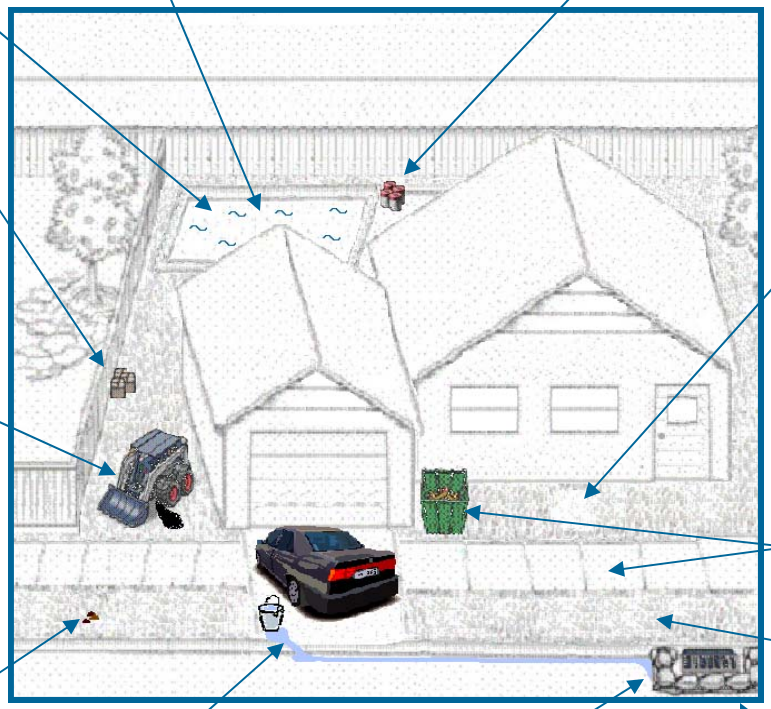
Drain your swimming pool or hot tub only when a test kit does not detect any chlorine or other toxic chemicals. Check with the Sewer District before discharging swimming pool water into a public sewer.

Wash pool filter in a sink or on the lawn to prevent stormwater contamination.

Store pool and spa chemicals in a covered area to avoid exposure to stormwater.

Have your septic system inspected by a professional at least every 3 years, and have the septic tank pumped as necessary.

Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly and according to directions. Avoid application if rain is in the forecast.



Put trash can out only on collection day to prevent animals from spilling.

Vegetate or mulch bare spots in your yard to prevent erosion.

Don't over water your lawn, letting water run off into the storm drains.

Check your vehicles, machinery and equipment for leaks and spills. Make repairs as soon as possible. Clean up spilled fluids with an absorbent such as kitty litter. Do not hose spills into the street, gutters or storm drains.

Sweep up sidewalks, patios, and decks of yard debris and dispose of it in a covered compost pile or trash can. Do not hose, sweep, or blow yard debris into street, gutters, or storm drains!

Always recycle automotive fluids at appropriate disposal sites or recycling facilities. See county web site for locations.

Direct pressure-washing runoff onto an unpaved surface or vegetated area, not into the street, gutters, storm drains, or public sewers.

Pick up pet waste. Flush or secure it in a plastic bag and dispose of it in your trash.

Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface to reduce the amount of car wash water runoff.

Before beginning an outdoor project, protect all storm drains nearby by covering and capturing sediment.

Send cleaning/wash water down a sink or toilet, not into the street, gutters or storm drains.

Do not connect downspouts to drainage pipes. Allow to drain to vegetated areas.

Clean water based painting equipment in the sink, not outdoors. Dispose of excess paints, cleaners, solvents, etc. through a household hazardous waste collection program.

Stormwater Quality Contact and Event Information

Placer County Stormwater Quality Division

Phone: (530) 745-7500

3091 County Center Drive, Suite 220
Auburn, CA 95603

Email: stormwtrquality@placer.ca.gov

Or visit us on the web at:
http://www.placer.ca.gov/Stormwater

Western Placer County

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal and Recycling Information:

Western Placer Waste Management Authority (WPWMA) is open every day from 8am to 5pm.
Collection events are held at various locations.
Located at: 3195 Athens Avenue in Lincoln
Phone: (916) 654-5230, ext. 4
Details on the web at: http://www.wpwma.com/

County Earth Day Events: 4th week in April
Located at: Community Development Resource Center (CDRC)
3091 County Center Drive in Auburn
Details on the web at: http://www.placer.ca.gov

Regional Contacts:

Auburn, City of.....530-823-4211 Ext. 130
Lincoln, City of..... 916-645-4070 Ext. 232
Loomis, Town of.....916-652-1840
Rocklin, City of.....916-625-5000
Roseville, City of.....916-774-5417

Used Oil Recycling Centers:

Visit http://www.placer.ca.gov/Departments/Works/StrmWtr/StrmWtrResidents.aspx
and click the "Oil Recycling" link to find a center near you.

Tahoe/Truckee Area

On-Going Electronic, Universal and Green Waste Collection Information:

Eastern Regional Landfill (ERL) is open Tuesday - Saturday from 8am - 4pm; closed from 12pm - 12:30pm for lunch and HHW Days
Located at: 900 Cabin Creek Road in Truckee
Phone: (530) 583-0148
Details on the web at: www.townoftruckee.com/recycle.html

Free Electronic and Universal Waste Collection Day:

3rd week in June, Located at: Truckee Town Hall
Details on the web at: http://www.townoftruckee.com/recycle.html

Truckee River:

Earth Day: 4th Week in April; River Day: 3rd Week October
Details on the web at: www.truckeeriverwc.org/index.cfm

Fire Safety Day and Free Green Waste Drop-off Event:

3rd week in June
Locations: Tahoe Donner Association Wood Yard, Truckee Rodeo Grounds, Glenshire Clubhouse, Donner Memorial Park.
Details on the web at: http://www.townoftruckee.com/recycle.html

Lake Tahoe Best Management Practices: www.tahoebmp.org
Tahoe Regional Planning Agency: www.trpa.org

Regional Contacts:

Truckee, Town of.....530-582-2938