

Fueling Vehicles

Gas and diesel spills are common when fueling vehicles. To minimize pollution:

- Design fueling areas so that all spills are contained and runoff cannot carry spills into storm drains. Spills should be directed to a containment area and/ or device that allows for proper treatment and disposal.
- Cover the fueling area to keep rain from washing away spilled materials. Extend the cover several feet beyond the containment area.
- Keep absorbent materials on-site to allow prompt cleanup of all spills. Post signs instructing people not to overfill gas tanks. Overfilling causes spills and vents gas fumes into the air.

Recycle

Georgia law requires you to recycle automotive batteries.

Recycle what you can:

- Motor oil
- Metal scraps
- Used tires, paper and cardboard
- Containers made of glass, aluminum, and tin
- Water-based paints



Contact Information

Recycling Information:
Keep Jackson County Beautiful,
706-367-5680.

Household Hazardous Waste:
Georgia Department of Public
Health, 404-657-2700.

Stormwater Questions:
Jackson County Public
Development, 706-367-5908.

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A DIFFERENCE**

For more information:
www.jacksoncountygov.com/355/Storm-Water-Management

Automotive Maintenance and Car Care



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Vehicle Maintenance Problems

Routine vehicle maintenance can be a leading contributor to stormwater pollution. Stormwater runoff carries pollutants such as soap, oil, antifreeze, gas, transmission fluid and other products used to maintain your vehicle to local rivers and streams. These pollutants are harmful to the environment and the natural aquatic ecosystems. The following guidelines will assist you with managing vehicle maintenance to help protect local waterways.

Cleaning Work Sites

- Do not hose down your shop floor. Instead, sweep it regularly.
- Use non-toxic cleaning products. Baking soda paste works well on battery heads, cable clamps and chrome; mix the soda with a mild, biodegradable dishwashing soap to clean wheels and tires; for windows, mix white vinegar or lemon juice with water.

Spills

- Prepare and use easy to find spill containment and cleanup kits. Include safety equipment and cleanup materials appropriate to the type and quantity of materials that could spill.
- Pour kitty litter, sawdust or cornmeal on spills.

Fluids

- Regular car maintenance prevents fluids from leaking onto streets and washing into storm drains.
- Prevent fluid leaks from stored vehicles. Drain fluids such as unused gas, transmission and hydraulic oil, brake and radiator fluid from vehicles or parts kept in storage.
- Use a funnel when pouring liquids and place a tray underneath to catch spills.
- Place drip pans under the spouts of liquid storage containers.
- Clean up spills immediately.



Washing Vehicles

- Prevent oil and grease, suspended solids, and toxics from washing into storm drains.
- When washing a vehicle:
 - Designate a washing site where water drains to the sewer system, or
 - Wash vehicles at a full or self-service car wash where used water is recycled and does not generate runoff or
 - Park vehicles on the lawn when washing them so rinse water will be absorbed into the grass.
- Wash vehicles with biodegradable, phosphate-free detergent.
- Use a trigger or twist style hose nozzle when washing your vehicle to shut off water when you are not using it..
- Direct runoff to landscaping,

