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Possible Pollutants

- Fine-grained sediment
- Chemicals
- Organic material/ Nutrients
- Fuel

Good Housekeeping

- Proper Cleanup and Disposal Procedures
- Fertilizers, Herbicides, and Pesticides
- Materials Handling and Storage
- Waste Management
- Employee Training

Additional Info/ Resources

- Keep it Clean Partnership
- City of Golden

LANDSCAPING

DESCRIPTION

Stormwater picks up pollutants as it flows over the ground or paved areas and carries pollutants into the storm drainage system directly into our streams and lakes. Landscaping facilities are required by law to prevent pollutants from entering the storm drainage system. Landscaping operations combined with best management practices (BMPs) described below can prevent or reduce sediment, chemicals, and organic material from polluting stormwater.

PROCEDURES

GENERAL

- Repair damage to landscaped areas or mulch or vegetate bare areas to minimize erosion.
- Sediment from walkways and parking areas should be collected and disposed of properly.

FERTILIZERS, HERBICIDES, AND PESTICIDES

- Apply at optimal times for the specific application.
- Follow manufacturer instructions for safe use and disposal.
- Use smallest amount necessary; properly calibrate equipment to ensure the correct amount of chemical is applied.
- Have spill cleanup materials available in case of a spill and clean up chemical spills promptly using dry methods, if possible.

MATERIAL HANDLING AND STORAGE

- Store soil and mulch piles in contained areas where they cannot be washed into the storm drainage system.
- Brush off mowers (reels and decks) and tractors over grassy areas or in contained washout areas. Do not hose off mowers over paved areas that drain to the storm drain system.

WASTE MANAGEMENT AND DISPOSAL

- Collect grass clippings and leaves. Do not blow or wash them into the street, gutter, or drainways.
- Properly recycle or dispose of organic wastes after mowing, weeding, and trimming.

EMPLOYEE TRAINING

- Train applicable employees on this written procedure. Information regarding how to avoid and report spills should be included.

