



Only Rain Should be Flowing Down the Drain in DEVENS

As a business owner, you are responsible for all pollutants that leave your property. You play an important role in keeping our waterways clean and healthy! Follow these tips to ensure that the snow and water that drains off your property is clean:

DO



- Keep storm drains, catch basins, and stormwater structures clear of snow, litter, grass, and leaves. They can clog these structures.
- Perform maintenance on stormwater infrastructure (i.e., clean out catch basins, swales, etc.) annually or in accordance with your Operations & Maintenance Plan. Record in a maintenance log.

Don't



- Don't leave salt and ice melt uncovered and open to rain and snow.
- Don't dump grease or oil into a storm drain, catch basin, or other stormwater structure.

Why is this necessary?

Rain that falls on and around your business can pick up trash and dirt as it drains away. Much of this water, or stormwater, ends up in our lakes, rivers, and streams. It's the fastest growing type of water pollution in Massachusetts. Stormwater pollution is bad business for our State's waterways. It harms fish and wildlife, makes our water unsafe to drink, and can spoil outdoor activities.

Don't forget about the Devens Annual Stormwater Reporting Form that is due to be submitted to the Devens Enterprise Commission every October. This form lets us know you are maintaining your stormwater management system and helps us comply with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit for Devens issued by the US Environmental Protection Agency.

Questions? Contact the Devens Enterprise Commission at:
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Business owners can do their part to keep Massachusetts' waterways clean.

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