

Good housekeeping

Leaks and spills pollute our waters

As stormwater flows along the ground, it picks up litter and pollution like grease and oil. Stormwater drains from your business into a nearby stream or river. Eventually, any pollution ends up in Puget Sound.

Dumpster areas and outdoor storage can be a source of pollution. Two easy steps help: keep rain out of dumpsters and storage containers, and make sure they don't leak.

Practice good housekeeping to prevent pollution

It is your business' responsibility to keep pollution out of the storm drain. Keeping outdoor areas tidy can prevent expensive spills and clean-ups.

Store materials in a second container to catch any spills or leaks. Secondary containment — like spill decks and pallets — prevents spills from reaching the storm drain. Store under cover to keep rain out.

Train staff to follow these best practices:

1. **Use absorbents or rags to clean up spills** — not water
2. **Regularly sweep outdoor areas**
3. **Wash mats indoors** in a utility or mop sink or near a floor drain

Storage tips →



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Keep your outdoor spaces clean

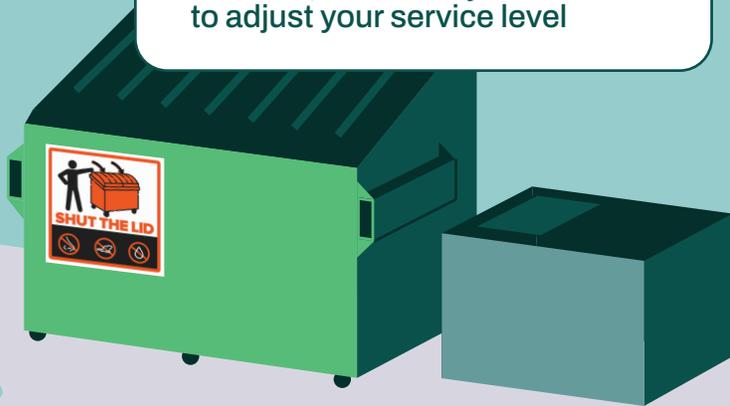
Right-size your service:

- If your cooking oil tank is regularly full or overflowing, ask your hauler to collect it more often
- If your dumpsters often fill up or overflow, work with your hauler to adjust your service level

Prevent spills by storing in secondary containment:

Containment must be able to hold **10% of total container volume of all containers, or 110% of the largest container, whichever is greater.**

For example, two 55-gallon drums would need at least 60.5 gallons of containment capacity.



Keep waste tidy

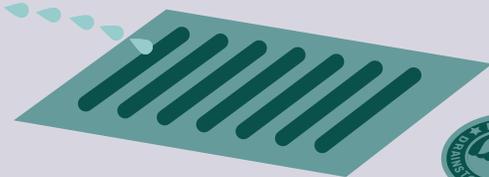
- Close dumpster lids
- Put all garbage inside the dumpster
- Collect cooking oil in tanks

Store it right

1. Use secondary containment
2. Store containers under cover
3. Seal containers with a tight lid
4. Keep open containers indoors
5. Label all containers

Prevention is best

- Get cooking oil tanks emptied regularly
- If your dumpster is leaking or damaged, contact your hauler to replace it
- Mark storm drains to prevent spills



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