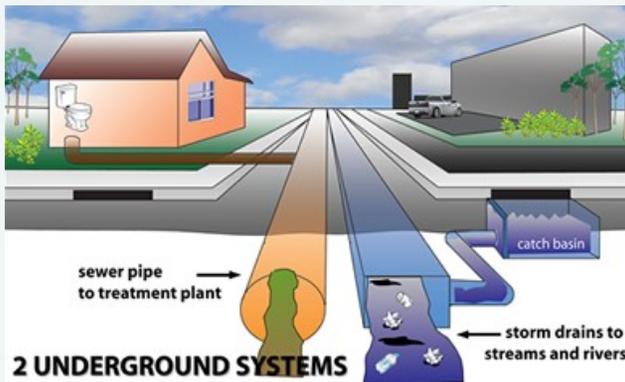


Why stop the runoff?

- Oil and gas spilled onto paved areas are easily washed away by water, either from hoses or rainfall.
- Engine and brake residues contain antifreeze, grease, oil, copper, and even asbestos.
- One gallon of oil can contaminate one million gallons of water!

What is the difference between the sanitary sewer and the storm drains?

- Bridgewater has separate sewer systems, the sewer pipe and the storm drain.
- The sanitary sewer is underground and carries waste from toilets and sinks to a wastewater treatment plant.
- The storm drains carry untreated stormwater runoff to local parks, rivers



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Best Management
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Best Management Practices to Keep our Water Clean

Preventing Leaks and Spills

- Maintain fuel dispensing areas using dry cleanup methods such as sweeping for removal of litter and debris, or use of rags and absorbents for leaks and spills.
- Check dispenser hoses frequently, train employees on spill prevention, and proper inspection of pumps.
- Do not allow patrons to change oil, antifreeze or conduct automotive repairs on the property.
- Supervise refueling operations to make sure no spills occur.
- Discourage “topping-off” of fuel tanks by posting signs that state “Overfilling of fuel tanks causes spills and vents gas fumes in the air”.



Cleaning up Spills

- Provide spill kits.
- Provide an emergency shut-off button in plain view with bold red letters.
- Provide a roof over the area where refueling is done to prevent storm water intrusion.
- Ensure fuel is drained from the sump and all absorbent materials are disposed of properly.
- Dry sweep or use absorbent materials when cleaning spills; do not spray or hose down spills into the storm drains.



Outdoor Waste Receptacle Area

- Spot clean leaks and drips routinely to prevent runoff of spillage.
- Keep dumpster lids closed to prevent rainwater from entering them.
- Minimize the possibility of storm water pollution from outside waste receptacles by doing at least one of the following:



-Use only water tight waste receptacles and keep the lids closed.

-Grade and pave the waste receptacle area to prevent run-on of storm water.

-Install a roof over the waste receptacle area.

-Install a low containment berm around the waste receptacle area.

-Use and maintain drip pans under waste receptacles.