

Carry a Spill Kit

- Use absorbent pads or materials to cleanup drips and spills of chemicals, gas, or oil.



Power Tools and Equipment Maintenance

- Store gas and other fuels in labeled container with a closeable lid and nozzle.
- Place drip pans or absorbent pads on the ground in the refueling area to catch drips.
- Put rags with oil, gas, grease, or chemicals into a container labeled “Hazardous Waste.” Keep the lid closed.



Hazardous Waste Disposal

- Landscaping activities can create hazardous waste that needs special disposal, including rags or absorbent materials with:
 - Vehicle and equipment fluids, including gas, oil, grease, thinner, and solvent.
 - Organic chemicals, including pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizer.
- **Dispose of hazardous waste** properly.
 - **Option 1:** use a licensed waste hauler.
 - **Option 2:** bring small quantities of accepted waste to a hazardous waste drop-off location.
- **Keep records** of your hazardous waste disposal: who hauled it, how much was hauled, and when it was hauled.



Find a Hazardous Waste Service Provider
tinyurl.com/y64pt48r



Find a Hazardous Waste Disposal Site
tinyurl.com/46nczhhk

To request an ADA accommodation, contact Ecology by phone at 360-407-6600 or email at Chelsea.Morris@ecy.w.gov, or visit ecology.wa.gov/accessibility.

For Relay Service or TTY call 711 or 877-833-6341.



Stormwater Pollution Prevention for COMMERCIAL LANDSCAPING

Keep our communities, creeks, lakes, and Puget Sound healthy.



Commercial Landscaping Best Practices for Pollution Prevention

Pesticides, Herbicides, and Fertilizer

- Follow guidelines in an **Integrated Pest Management Plan**, either your own or one from your local jurisdiction.
- Know your noxious weeds and local noxious weed laws.
- Use organic fertilizer when possible.
- Spread only the amount needed (and not more), follow label instructions.
- Keep the lid closed when not using, and make sure the label is legible and accurate.
- Store chemicals indoors or under cover and on a secondary containment pallet to catch any spills or drips.
- Never apply chemicals if it is raining or about to rain.



King County
Integrated Pest
Management Plan
kingcounty.gov/ipm



Integrated Pest
Management Plan Weed
Control Practices
[kingcounty.gov/
WeedControlPractices](http://kingcounty.gov/WeedControlPractices)



Lawn Maintenance

- Check equipment for leaks before using.
- Refuel equipment over a drip pan or oil-absorbent pad to catch drips.
- Use electric or battery-powered equipment and minimize the use of gasoline and oil.



Excavating and Grading

- Avoid tracking mud and dirt onto the street, sidewalks, and gutters from vehicles and equipment when excavating and grading.
- Protect storm drains at and near jobsites using filter bags or absorbent socks/booms.
- Use fiber rolls, vegetation mats, silt fencing, and other erosion control materials to stabilize the soil after grading or excavating.
- Direct muddy water into landscaped areas to soak into the ground.



Cleanup

- Blow dead leaves and grass clippings into beds as mulch into beds as mulch. Do not blow onto streets or into storm drains.
- Rinse empty containers and dispose of rinse water in landscaped areas or reuse when making another spray mixture of the same chemical.
- Sweep up dry materials.
- Use water for cleanup **ONLY** where it will drain to landscaped areas.
- Do **NOT** use soap or chemicals in wash water, and do **NOT** direct it to the street, gutter, or storm drain.



Irrigation

- Use programmed irrigation systems to avoid overwatering, which may cause soil erosion. Prevent runoff from entering surface waters and paved areas.

Train Crews

- Train crews yearly on the use of hazardous chemicals and how to avoid spills and how to clean them up.
- Keep a record of the trainings and which staff attended.

