



CITY OF SPOKANE  
DEPARTMENT OF WASTEWATER  
INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT PROGRAM



**BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMPs)  
FOR MOBILE WASHERS**

Where does the drainage from your mobile wash operation go? Wash water from your cleaning activities may contain pollutants such as toxic hydrocarbons (oil and grease), metals, nutrients (phosphorous and nitrogen), suspended solids, or harmful cleaning products. Improper discharge can hurt fish and wildlife, pollute recreation sites and contaminate drinking water supplies. It can also interrupt processes at Riverside Park Water Reclamation Facility. You can help to keep these harmful substances out of the Spokane River and Latah Creek by complying with the following Best Management Practices (BMPs).

**PROHIBITED WASTEWATER DISCHARGES**

- Discharging wastewater to storm drains & dry wells
- Discharging hazardous or dangerous waste, including cleaning products
- Total Petroleum Hydrocarbon concentrations greater than 100 mg/L
- pH outside the range of 5.0-12.0 within City of Spokane limits
- pH outside the range of 5.0-11.0 within Spokane County limits

**PROPER DISPOSAL OF WASH WATER**

- Mobile washing operations must be performed on an impervious surface (permanent or portable) to contain and collect the wash water.
- Wash water shall be collected, neutralized if necessary, treated with a properly maintained oil/water separator & sand trap, then discharged:
  - To a proper sanitary sewer access point (not a manhole), with prior authorization from the City or County; or
  - Reused in a closed-loop water recycling system; or
  - Hauled to a wastewater treatment facility by a permitted septic hauler.

If you have any questions about how to handle wastewater from your mobile washing operation, please contact us for guidance:

**Spokane County Wastewater Operations (509) 477-1984**  
City of Spokane Riverside Park Water Reclamation Facility (509) 625-4600

**IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION**

Hazardous waste handling contact: Department of Ecology **(509) 329-3400**

Hazardous spills contact: Spokane Fire Department **9-1-1**

Large volumes of spills that are not hazardous to human health and the environment contact:  
Sewer Maintenance **(509) 625-7900** RPWRF **(509) 625-4600 (day)** or **(509) 625-4610 (eve)**

Proper disposal of materials and recycling contact: Solid Waste Department **(509) 625-7878**