

POLLUTION PREVENTION FOR BUSINESSES



Hospitality Services

As a hospitality manager, you may be responsible for a variety of hazardous waste left behind by contractors or maintenance staff.

Managing your property also requires managing any dangerous waste on the premises to avoid potential risks to people and the environment.

Cleaning Supplies and Disinfectants

If you find cleaners, detergents or disinfectants:

- Try and find a use for them
- Do not put them down a storm drain or dump them on the ground
- Take them to the Hazardous Waste Drop-off Station

<https://snohomishcountywa.gov/477/Hazardous-Waste>

Pressure Washing

Water that has been used for pressure washing may contain sediment, chemicals or hazardous waste. When pressure washing, block the storm drain entirely, collect the water and divert it to a landscaped area for infiltration or send it to a sewer system, with permission from your sewer authority.

Leftover Paint

Use leftover paint for touchups, primers or undercoats. If you can't use it, give it to someone who can; some nonprofits may use the paint. Latex paint must be solidified before it is put in the garbage. Oil-based paints, stains and thinners are usually hazardous waste and should be taken to the Hazardous Waste Drop-off Station. Paintcare.org for used paint takeback

Landscaping

When applying fertilizers, make sure that excess does not spill onto the sidewalks or streets. Rainwater can carry pesticides and fertilizers off the lawn and into storm drains, and then into streams or lakes. Even small amounts of fertilizers and pesticides can harm fish.

Swimming Pools

Swimming pools and spas are a great addition to any hotel, but they do have some areas that need attention. Make sure any leftover chemicals are properly disposed of at a Hazardous Waste Drop-off Station. When backwashing sand filters, make sure the water is going to a sanitary sewer.

“ONLY RAIN DOWN THE DRAIN”



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