Everyone contributes to the problem of storm water pollution. Now lets become part of the solution!



Employee training on a regular basis is essential in teaching good work habits which prevent spills that cause pollution. To effectively respond to a spill an easily accessible clean-up kit should be available and emergency contact information posted. This brochure includes the best management practices that should be implemented and reviewed with all employees.

#### STORMWATER AGENCIES

Sevier County Stormwater (865) 429-4580 Doyle Clabo, Director David Carver, Technician

> City of Sevierville (865) 453-5504 Frank Cravens

City of Pigeon Forge (865) 429-7312 Joe Dunn Brandon Williams

City of Gatlinburg (865) 436-7792 David Ball Jay Horner

#### **OTHER AGENCIES**

Sevier County Ground Water (865) 429-1766 Mark Samples

Sevier County Emergency Management (865) 453-4919 John Matthews

> General Environmental Health (865) 453-2787 Joe Loy, Supervisor

> TN Dept. of Environment and Conservation (865) 594-6035

# STORMWATER POLLUTION

What you should know for the...



Stormwater Pollution
causes at least 60%
of our water pollution. It
jeopardizes the quality
of our waterways and
is a threat to
groundwater resources.
Storm drains unlike
sanitary sewers are not
connected to a treatment
plant - they flow directly to
our local streams, rivers and
lakes.

### SOME WAYS TO HELP KEEP OUR WATER CLEAN...

### **CLEANING...**



Properly dispose of wash and mop water into the mop sink or floor drains. **DO NOT** put in gutters, parking lots or storm drains. Clean greasy equipment only in designated wash areas which are connected to the sewer system with an oil/water separator.

### SPILL CLEANUP...



For spill cleanup dry methods are the best... **DO NOT** hose down spills outside. For spills use rags or absorbents and then dispose them in the garbage or treat as hazardous waste. Also mop the area with a small amount of water if necessary.

## STORAGE AND DISPOSAL...



Cleaners, solvents and detergents often contain toxic substances...read labels carefully, store and dispose of these products properly. When possible use water-based products and products labeled non-toxic. **DO NOT** pour into a storm drain and for a toxic spill call 911 and SCEMA at (865) 453-4919.



Dispose of grease properly and save used cooking grease and oil for recycling in sealed containers or tallow bins. **DO NOT** pour grease into sinks, floor drains or storm drains. Always make sure that grease traps are installed and maintained in proper working order.

# **DUMPSTER AND OUTDOOR AREA...**



Keep grease storage and dumpsters covered; sweep up litter and debris from sidewalks, driveways and parking lots especially around storm drains. **DO NOT** hose these areas before sweeping. Consider water friendly landscaping such as rain gardens, rain barrels and vegetated swales to help treat pollution and retain run off. Use pesticides and fertilizers in the recommended amounts, use organic mulch and safer pest control methods whenever possible.

