

What you need to know

The number one source of water pollution nationwide is stormwater pollution- i.e. pollution picked-up from the ground and carried to our streams, lakes, & rivers by runoff from rainfall. Much of this pollution is transported by storm drains.

You are legally responsible for any pollution (trash, oil, sediment, etc) that leaves your property via the storm drainage system- that includes storm drains, ditches, and detention ponds.

In order to protect water quality, the City of Griffin is required to periodically inspect industrial facilities and certain types of commercial facilities.

The purpose of these inspections is to identify sources of stormwater pollution, bring them to attention of property owner, and ensure they are addressed in a timely manner.

For more information:

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Commercial/Industrial Pollution Prevention Program



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Inspection Process

These inspections are mandated by the State Environmental Protection Division (EPD) to ensure that Griffin's storm drainage system is not contributing pollution to the our streams and lakes.

For routine inspections, a member of Griffin SW staff will notify you prior to schedule an onsite meeting with the Facility Manager or his/her designee. The inspector will make note of areas of concern.

Visual inspection WILL include:

- Points where stormwater leaves your property
- All areas where potential pollutants may be exposed to stormwater runoff, including:
 - Outdoor material storage areas
 - Loading docks
 - Vehicle fueling/maintenance areas
 - Outdoor waste management areas

Visual Inspection WILL NOT include:

- Audit of your NPDES paperwork
- Inspection of any areas not exposed to stormwater runoff, unless that area is connected to the outside, through a floor drain for example

In most cases, these inspections will take no more than 30 minutes of your time.

Un-authorized Discharges

Discharges not allowed to enter the storm drain systems include:

- Compressor condensate
- Boiler blowdown
- Vehicle wash water
- Pavement wash from contaminated areas
- Dumpster leachate
- Process wastewater



Proper spill clean-up is essential to prevent stormwater pollution for contaminating local waterways. Do your employees know how to clean-up minor spills?

Secondary containment prevents small leaks from causing big problems.



Leaking vehicles allow oil, grease, and heavy metals into our lakes and streams. You are responsible for what washes off your parking lot.

Stormwater Industrial General Permit (IGP)

The Environmental Protection Division (EPD) requires certain types of facilities to obtain coverage under the NPDES Stormwater Industrial General Permit (IGP). These facilities include:

- Manufacturing facilities
- Mining operations
- Recycling Centers
- Transportation facilities
- Warehouses

Failure to comply with the IGP may come with stiff civil and criminal penalties.

Things You Can Do to Prevent Stormwater Pollution from Your Facility

Stormwater pollution is preventable with minimal effort. The key is to prevent potential pollutants from coming in contact with rainwater.

- Cover activities and materials
- Practice routine cleaning & good housekeeping
- Properly dispose of wastes
- Divert runoff away from polluting activities and materials by the use of berms, curbs, etc
- Establish spill prevention and response plan
- Train your employees on spill prevention and proper cleanup

For more information on best practices for your facilities like yours please take a look at the Georgia Stormwater Management Manual, Pollution Prevention Guidebook at: <http://www.atlantaregional.com/File%20Library/Environment/GSMVol3.pdf>