

TO REPORT A SPILL OR LEAK

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For more information, please contact the City's Environmental Services Section at: 905-615-3200, ext. 5170.

Answers to frequently asked questions and other resources are available online at: www.mississauga.ca/environment

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PROTECT OUR WATER

**STORM SEWER
BY-LAW COMPLIANCE**

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DOING BUSINESS RESPONSIBLY.

IS YOUR BUSINESS COMPLYING WITH THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA STORM SEWER BY-LAW?

Common pollutants that can impact the storm sewer system:

- Cleaning products
- Food waste
- Oil and grease
- Soil and debris
- Paints and organic solvents
- Fertilizers and pesticides
- Fuels
- Sewage
- Hazardous wastes
- Pet waste

THE STORM SEWER BY-LAW

HOW TO TAKE PREVENTATIVE ACTION: POLLUTION PREVENTION TIPS

1 IDENTIFY POTENTIAL SOURCES OF POLLUTANTS

Examples: above ground and underground storage tanks, outside storage, oil/grit separators, loading areas, vehicles, cleaning operations.

2 IDENTIFY DRAINAGE FEATURES

Know where the catch basins, storm water ditches and creeks are on your property.

3 CHECK YOUR PLUMBING CONNECTIONS

Sinks, toilets, floor drains and interceptors must be connected to the sanitary sewer system.

4 DEVELOP AND PRACTICE A SPILL RESPONSE PLAN

- Train staff in spill response procedures
- Identify a spill coordinator for each shift
- Post emergency contact names and numbers
- Identify emergency contractors for major spill events
- Prepare an evacuation procedure
- Prepare shut down procedures
- Ensure Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) documents are up-to-date and accessible
- Make the plan available to all employees

Having a spill response plan helps ensure prompt, organized and effective spill response – which can save your business money.

5 MAINTAIN YOUR SPILL RESPONSE EQUIPMENT

Contents should include items such as 'loose' absorbent, drain covers, absorbent booms and pads, shovels and brooms.

SPILLS AND EMERGENCIES

Environmental spills occur when equipment failure, accidents on highways, railways, waterways or human error results in the release of contaminants into the natural environment or into the storm sewer system.

If a spill happens, ensure the safety of employees, implement your spill plan and report the spill immediately— doing so can reduce your liability and the damage to your local waterway.

PENALTIES

It is illegal to discharge a prohibited substance into the City's storm sewer system or into a private system that connects to it.

Private drainage systems that connect to the municipal storm drainage system must be maintained by the property owner. If convicted of violating the Storm Sewer By-Law, the property owner could be liable for cleanup and repair costs, including those incurred by the City, and could face a fine of up to \$100,000 per offence.

Businesses are strongly encouraged to take preventative action.

ONLY RAIN IN OUR DRAINS