

Diving into Dumpsters

A guide to Proper Dumpster Management



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It's a Problem



- ▶ Leakage from industrial dumpsters can have various harmful pollutants to waterbodies
 - ▶ Pollutants are typically picked up by stormwater runoff when it begins to rain
- ▶ Dumpsters without covers or covers that are left/blown open over during rain pose a risk for stormwater to mix with industrial chemicals and eventually end up in the drainage system
- ▶ Swimming closures, decreased water quality, loss of water resources, and aesthetically unpleasing water bodies are associated problems with industrial chemical influence in the drainage system

What can you do?

- ▶ Keep the dumpster area as tidy as possible (sweep, pick up debris, etc.)
- ▶ Choose the right kind of dumpster(s) for your facility
- ▶ Place dumpster on an impervious surface like asphalt or concrete
- ▶ Minimize the amounts of liquids deposited in the dumpster
- ▶ Where possible store dumpsters under roof cover
- ▶ Develop a strict covering routine; ensuring that the dumpster cover is only open when material is being placed in it
- ▶ Develop a regular dumpster inspection schedule with your hauler to ensure the dumpster is not leaking and all components are functioning properly
 - ▶ If the dumpster needs to be cleaned or repaired let the hauler perform this work, never spray with a hose into a drainage area
- ▶ If necessary, lock up the dumpster
- ▶ For hazardous waste, be sure to consult the manufacturers recommended disposal methods

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