



## BMP Quick Reference

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- Never put anything into a ditch or storm drain
- Store all of your oils, paints, solvents, wastes, etc. in a covered area so they are not exposed to rainwater
- Perform regular maintenance on your equipment and vehicles to ensure they don't have any leaks
  - Utilize drip pans and buckets to prevent spill/leaks from reaching the ground



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# Protecting the Vermillion River: Your Recreational Area

Part 17 – Stormwater Best  
Management Practices

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Picture from the following website: [water.epa.gov](http://water.epa.gov)

## What is the purpose of Best Management Practices (BMP)?

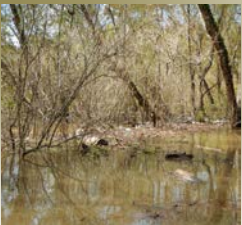
BMPs are designed to reduce or eliminate the amount of pollutants such as trash, dirt, oils, soaps, sewage, etc. that enter our waterways to maintain their recreational use for activities such as fishing, oyster harvesting, swimming, boating, etc.



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## What are Best Management Practices (BMPs)?

BMPs are usually cheap and easy procedures that citizens and businesses can implement to help to maintain the beauty and health of our bayous and lakes.



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## What are some BMPs that I can try?

There are many simple and effective BMPs that everyone from citizens to businesses can use to help to maintain the recreational uses of our waterways. They are as follows:

- Always dispose of your trash and other wastes properly
  - Waste that you toss or pour out on the ground ends up in the nearest waterway
- Never put anything into a ditch or storm drain
  - Storm drains discharge directly into the nearest water body with no treatment
- Store all of your oils, paints, solvents, wastes, etc. in a covered area so they are not exposed to rainwater
  - Rain can pick-up toxic compounds from these products and deliver them to the nearest waterway
- Perform regular maintenance on your equipment and vehicles to ensure they don't have any leaks and utilize drip

pans so that oils, etc don't end up on the ground

- Rain can pick-up oils and deliver them to the nearest waterway



Picture from the following web site: facingthefuture.org

## Does using BMPs really make a difference?

The EPA has done several studies that show that implementing BMPs improve the health and beauty of our water bodies by helping keep trash and other wastes from entering the water. It is significantly more cost effective to prevent trash, oils and other items from entering our waterways than it is to try to treat cities rain water to restore a waters recreational uses.



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