



**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION  
BUREAU OF RESOURCE PROTECTION  
DRINKING WATER PROGRAM**

## **Preventing Pollution in Hazardous Material Use/Storage Areas**

### POLLUTION PREVENTION PRACTICES:

- Do not store hazardous wastes outdoors on soil or other non-impervious surface.
- Do not store hazardous wastes outdoors without a berm or other means of secondary containment sufficient to contain 10% of the total volume or 110% of the largest container's volume, whichever is greater.
- Do not dispose of any solvents, degreasers, or other hazardous materials down drains, sinks, or toilets. Clean parts in self-contained recirculating solvent tank.
- Label any hazardous waste with the words "Hazardous Waste", and the type of waste, company name, address, EPA registration number, date accumulation began, and hazardous properties (toxic, ignitable, corrosive, and /or reactive).
- Inspect storage areas regularly and post safety signs such as: "Hazardous Waste Storage Area" or "No Smoking".
- Keep bays and floors clean. Pick up spills immediately using absorbent materials, wet vacuums, or mechanical suction sweepers; have these readily available.
- Install collection devices such as drip trays/racks to minimize wastes and spills.
- Conduct employee training sessions on a regular basis.



### FLOOR DRAINS

Floor drains are prohibited in areas where hazardous materials or hazardous wastes have the potential to enter the ground.

### OPTIONS

- Seal floor drain if it is not needed (requires plumbing inspector approval).
- Connect floor drain to a holding tank (requires DEP approval).
- Connect floor drain to a municipal sewer system (requires DEP approval).

**For more information contact the DEP at (617) 292-5500 or visit the DEP Web site at [www.state.ma.us/dep](http://www.state.ma.us/dep).**