



Contact your local stores or construction material stores for available tools and materials for mobile sanitary toilet servicing including vacuum pumps, mats, sand or gravel bags, wattles, etc.



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## STORM WATER PROGRAM

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## BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR MOBILE SANITARY TOILET SERVICING



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# Best Management Practices for Cleaning and Maintenance for Mobile Sanitary Toilets

This brochure provides information about using best management practices (BMPs) for the collection, treatment, and disposal of wash water generated from washing the exterior and/or interior surfaces of portable sanitary toilets.

## Why should we be concerned with portable sanitary toilet wash water discharge?

Pollutants from portable sanitary toilet washing and cleaning include sanitary chemicals and human waste. These pollutants drain off the toilet finding their way into the street and into the storm drain systems which will pollute our creeks, beaches and Ocean. The implementation of the proper BMP's is required for compliance with State and local regulations which were developed to prevent water pollution and protect the public health.

*Please note that it is unlawful for contaminated water or other non-storm water, generated by mobile sanitary toilet servicing, to enter storm drains. Mobile sanitary toilet servicing that do not prevent waste water from entering the storm drain systems are subject to Administrative Citations and/or fines.*

## Best Management Practices (BMPs)

Mobile sanitary toilet services must use the following BMPs to comply with the City's water quality requirements and water pollution prevention:

- Minimize water use.
- Remove paper and trash before cleaning toilet.
- Use cleaning products as described on their labels and dispose of properly. Even biodegradable products impact our waterways.
- Wash areas must be designed to drain into sewer or to a holding tank.
- Sweep area to remove debris.
- Wash water must be contained so that water does not drain down streets and gutters- use sand bag berms, wattles, or bermed mats.
- Protect downstream storm drain inlet so that wash water does not enter storm drain. Protection must be placed before starting the washing process and removed before you leave the site.
- Use a "wet-vac" to vacuum up the wash water for proper disposal.
- Maintain equipment and spill response material on site.

## Options for wash water management

- **Preferred Option:**  
Zero discharge or closed-loop recycled water
- **Second Option:**  
Discharge into municipal sewer system including residential sewer cleanout, utility sink or toilet, etc. and precautions must be taken to prevent any heavy debris, hazardous materials or anything that can clog sink or toilet. Wash water may also be taken off site for proper disposal at your home or business.

**If you would like further information about water quality pollution prevention, please contact Public Works Department at (949) 635-1800 or visit our website at [www.cityofrsm.org](http://www.cityofrsm.org). Thank you for your effort in helping to improve the quality of our environment.**