

# Stormwater Permit Guide for Automotive Vehicle Dismantlers

(Industrial Stormwater General Permit)

## What is stormwater?

Stormwater is rainwater that flows over the ground and is then carried to storm drains that lead to rivers, streams, or the ocean. The water that leaves your property may contain pollutants if you operate industrial activities such as dismantling, storing, maintaining, or washing automotive vehicles and equipment. When rainwater comes into contact with these activities, it can cause water pollution that is harmful to people and the environment.

## Do you need a stormwater permit?

You may need to get a stormwater permit if your business conducts industrial activities related to automotive dismantling and use or stores hazardous materials such as engine oil, hydraulic oil, transmission fluid, or radiator fluid that may come into contact with rainwater. **Please contact your local city or county government stormwater program to find out if your facility requires a stormwater permit.**

## How can you obtain a stormwater permit?

Visit the Stormwater Multiple Application and Report Tracking System (SMARTS) online to request a stormwater permit, and complete the following steps to enroll:

1. Create a new user account:  
[waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/stormwater/docs/industrial/user\\_instructions\\_smarts](https://waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/docs/industrial/user_instructions_smarts)
2. Complete the Notice of Intent application, and put together the following documents:  
[waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/stormwater/docs/industrial/notice-intent-noi-industrial-guide](https://waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/docs/industrial/notice-intent-noi-industrial-guide)
  - a. A Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan and upload it to SMARTS (see back of this flyer).
  - b. A site map and upload it to SMARTS.
3. Print, fill-in, sign, and mail the authorization form:  
[waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/stormwater/docs/industrial/industrial\\_eauthorization](https://waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/docs/industrial/industrial_eauthorization)
4. Pay an annual fee.

## Useful resources

Remember, this flyer provides general information about the Industrial Stormwater Program. This flyer does not provide specific guidance on how to comply with the Water Code at your facility.

More information about the Industrial Stormwater Program is available online at:  
[waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/stormwater/industrial](https://waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/industrial)

The Industrial Stormwater General Permit is available online at:  
[waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/stormwater](https://waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater)

The Guides are available online at:  
[waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/stormwater/smarts/industrial/indst\\_help\\_guides](https://waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/smarts/industrial/indst_help_guides)

For additional assistance or specific questions, please contact the Stormwater Help Desk at:  
[stormwater@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:stormwater@waterboards.ca.gov).

## General requirements for a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (See Section X of the [Industrial Stormwater General Permit](#))

Dischargers must develop and implement a site-specific Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan containing the following elements:

- ✓ Facility name and contact information.
- ✓ Site map showing the following:
  - ✓ Facility or property boundary
  - ✓ Stormwater drainage and/or collection systems
  - ✓ Location where industrial materials are exposed to stormwater
  - ✓ Locations where stormwater leaves the facility
- ✓ List of industrial materials used at your facility: engine oil, antifreeze, degreaser, cleaners, etc.
- ✓ Summary, description, and assessment of potential pollutant sources: areas where you store industrial materials and what those materials are, areas where you dismantle vehicles and what fluids are removed, areas where you store vehicle parts, etc.
- ✓ Description of measures and best management practices used to protect pollutant sources from contacting stormwater: fiber rolls, covers, tarps, trays, etc.
- ✓ Schedules and procedures for monitoring stormwater leaving your facility.
- ✓ Date when the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan was prepared.

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