



# Stormwater

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## Schedule Your Stormwater Training Now

All new employees, seasonal employees, and any current employees who need a refresher course (every 1-2 years) should attend stormwater training. Partners for A Clean Environment (PACE) staff will come to your shop or office and can tailor the training to meet the needs of your staff. We take custom photos at your site and can provide the training **during your regularly scheduled meeting time.**

PACE stormwater training includes:

- Identification and reporting of illegal discharge
- Review of Best Management Practices (BMPs) for stormwater pollution prevention
- Review of spill clean-up
- Review of standard operating procedures (SOPs)
- How to be in compliance with stormwater regulations

PACE retains a log of all employees who have attended the training, and can provide this information to your department, as required by your city's stormwater permit.

## Choose a PACE Certified Business

Partners for A Clean Environment (PACE) is a voluntary, non-regulatory program that offers free pollution prevention education and technical assistance to Boulder County businesses. PACE is a partnership of local governments and businesses to encourage and recognize environmental achievement. Look for our logo at restaurants, auto repair and auto body shops, printers, dental offices, retail stores, and some small manufacturers.

## Don't Forget Your Winter BMPs

For snow plowing & sand, salt, & liquid de-icer

The following are the Best Management Practices (BMPs) for winter maintenance activities:

- Where possible, avoid blowing, pushing, or blocking watercourses and storm water drainage systems with ice, snow, abrasives, or other debris
- Stop side-cast sweeping within 50 feet of bridges
- Modify blade angles or blower hoppers in sensitive areas
- Inspect snow and ice control vehicles and equipment for fuel and oil leaks prior to using
- Review winter management and operation plans
- Calibrate spreaders routinely
- Do not over-apply de-icing agents
- Maintain accurate records of the locations for salt or liquid de-icer application and quantities used
- Wash equipment used in the application of de-icing agents at a wash area that discharges to sanitary sewer
- Clean up all spills and drag-out in truck loading areas promptly to reduce run-off from facility



**Do you know where storm drains go?**  
(see back page for the answer)

## 2008 Stormwater Hero Winners

A “stormwater hero” is anyone who has reported, prevented, or cleaned up an illegal or threatened discharge, implemented Best Management Practices (BMPs) or good housekeeping practices, and/or has taken other actions to prevent stormwater pollution. PACE recognizes these employees in every *Stormwater* newsletter and has a raffle for a chance to win 1 of 4 \$50 gift certificates in December.

### The 2008 raffle winners are:

- Chris Bradford, Coal Creek GC
- Richard Lackner, City of Boulder
- John McKee, City of Boulder
- James Nelson, Boulder County Sheriff’s Office



Some municipalities may choose to reward these employees separate from or in addition to the PACE Program’s recognition. (*City of Longmont employees will be recognized through an internal city program.*)

### 4th Quarter Stormwater Heroes are:

- Rick Chaussart, City of Boulder Parks Department
- John McKee, City of Boulder Parks Department

Rick and John reported a excavating company that was dumping dirt over a retaining wall and onto the side of Boulder Creek.

## Do You Know?

Answer: All storm drains flow untreated to creeks or rivers.

Someone else uses your water before and after you. It's hosed, flushed, boated on, fished, bathed in, drank, and more. In fact, water is used and cleaned many times over as it makes its way through our state.

## Stormwater Discharge Can Be Avoided

A contractor working on a heated loading dock accidentally cut a line in the heating coils. About 20 gallons of oil from the heating coil leaked into the stormdrain flowing to Boulder Creek and went unreported. Several hours after the incident, a sheen was reported to be seen on Boulder Creek. If this had been reported immediately, contamination of the creek could have been avoided.



*Are your contractors trained in stormwater protection?*

## Take the Pledge!

The Keep It Clean Partnership and PACE have developed a stormwater pledge program. Municipal employees can take the pledge following stormwater training.

Take the Stormwater Pledge to:

- **Locate & block** storm drains near your worksite
- **Recognize & report** any materials (other than rainwater or snowmelt) that may enter storm drains
- **Cover & contain** any materials stored outside

Employees who take this pledge will be eligible for prizes and gift certificates through the Stormwater Heroes Program. PACE will be tracking and following up with each department to see if reports or actions have increased.

**Remember: Stormwater pollution prevention is your responsibility!**

## Resources

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