



# Brief Introduction to Maryland Good Housekeeping Plans

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# Starts with water runoff . . .



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Stormwater runoff eventually discharges into bodies of water.

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit given to the County by the State to help manage and monitor water pollution and quality.


# Good Housekeeping Plans

- **Common sense practices, procedures, and best management practices that reduce/prevent stormwater pollution from County-owned facilities.**
- **Required by the State for County-owned facilities not covered by another stormwater permit that have activities outside or outdoors within open-sided structures, sheds, or shipping containers.**
- **Involve activities that use materials that could spill outside and end up in waterways. Examples include:**
  - waste management
  - vehicle storage
  - vehicle maintenance
  - vehicle fueling
  - vehicle washing
  - aboveground storage tanks
  - chemical storage
  - citizen drop-off center
  - stockpiles of erodible materials
  - deicing materials

# Need a Good Housekeeping Plan?

## QUICK START

YES = 

NO = 

County Property already has stormwater permit?



No GHP  
needed



**Activities:** Waste management? Vehicle storage, maintenance, fueling? Stockpile/storage chemicals, landscaping materials, hazmat? Above ground storage tanks? Citizen drop-off center? Deicing materials?



No GHP  
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Activities with these materials performed outdoors, open-sided structures, sheds, or roll off containers?



No GHP  
needed



Good Housekeeping Plan needed

# Example: GHP or no GHP?

## Scenario:

Planning and Growth Management has toxic solvents and chemicals stored and used indoors in the Government Building that has no stormwater permit. GHP or No GHP?

Property already has stormwater permit? **No**

Identified GHP activity and materials? **No**

Activity performed outside or in outdoor structure? **No**



**No GHP** needed – performed indoors, not a primary activity



# Example: GHP or no GHP?

## Scenario:

Public Works collects used car batteries from citizens at outdoor County-owned Recycling Centers which have no permit.  
GHP or No GHP?

Property already has stormwater permit? **No**

Identified GHP activity and materials? **Yes**

Activity performed outside or in outdoor structure? **Yes**



**GHP** needed – no permit & performed outdoors

# Next Steps with GHP?

- Departments will be asked to complete surveys by March 31, 2025.
- Between April 1 and July 31, EA Engineering will support the County by conducting site visits and identifying which facilities need a GHP.
- Final Plan to be submitted to MDE by December 19.
- All GHP Sites will begin to use Cartegraph for reporting in 2026.
- The survey and further guidance on Good Housekeeping Plans can be found on the private webpage:

[www.CharlesCountyMD.info/GHP](http://www.CharlesCountyMD.info/GHP)

# Thank you!

## Questions?

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