

# MOBILE PET GROOMER AND STYLIST GUIDE BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMPs)

## COMMON POLLUTANTS

### Mobile Pet Groomer and Stylist

- Soaps, detergents, and disinfectants
- Chemicals (flea dip rinses and equipment cleaning)
- Dirt and sediment
- Hair, fur, and nail waste
- Pet waste
- Wastewater

### Mobile Unit

- Antifreeze
- Hydraulic/transmission fluid
- Oil, grease, gasoline, and diesel

## WANT TO KNOW MORE?

The Cities of Buellton, Carpinteria, Goleta, Lompoc, Santa Barbara, Solvang, and the County of Santa Barbara have extensive Stormwater Management Programs, with an even greater selection of information and useful tools to help your business protect our environment!

### Take advantage of the following FREE services:

- Download or print BMP materials
- City of Santa Barbara Certified Business Program
- County of Santa Barbara Green Business Program

### Be sure to always check:

- Local city ordinances, periodically.
- Drought restrictions.
- Business license/certificate requirements.
- Wastewater Treatment Provider
- Professional Pet Groomer & Stylists Alliance Standards of Care, Safety and Sanitation Manual.

## ONLY RAIN DOWN THE STORM DRAIN

## ABOUT THIS GUIDE

Many mobile pet groomers and stylists don't realize that their habits and actions can pollute streams, creeks, lakes, rivers, or the ocean in many locations. This guide provides stormwater pollution prevention practices for groomers.

Mobile pet groomers and stylists may generate pollutants from a malfunction of a mobile unit that could be transported to the storm drain and into our waterways. You can help reduce water pollution year-round by implementing the BMPs in this guide.

## MOBILE PET GROOMER AND STYLIST BMPs

### MINIMIZING TOXIC CHEMICAL USE

- Products and/or chemicals used in the process of grooming and styling must comply with all applicable local, state and federal guidelines, rules and regulations and be pet friendly.
- Only use products (such as flea dip solutions) that are approved for disposal within the sanitary sewer.
- Consider less toxic grooming practices by using eco-friendly products and equipment that reduce product amount and use less water.

**Did you know?** Even cleaning products labeled "non-toxic" and "biodegradable" may not be safe. "Non-toxic" means the product is not toxic to the user. "Biodegradable" means the product will eventually break down. These products are still harmful to wildlife and the environment.

### WASTEWATER

- Never discharge wash water or wastewater from pet washing and grooming activities to the street, gutter, or near a storm drain.
- Wastewater from pet washing and grooming activities must be collected and discharged to a sink, toilet, or another drain connected to the sanitary sewer.

### MOBILE UNIT AND EQUIPMENT CARE

- Never rinse off mobile unit, equipment, cages, crates, and tubs into the street, gutter, or storm drain.
- When washing your mobile unit, use a hose equipped with an automatic shutoff nozzle, and make sure wash water drains to a landscaped area or unpaved surface, not the storm drain.
- If possible, take your mobile unit to a local commercial car wash where wastewater is captured and treated.
- Repair mobile unit or equipment leaks quickly.

**Did you know?** Antifreeze is poisonous to pets and wildlife who are attracted to its sweet smell and taste. Keep antifreeze in closed containers and dispose of antifreeze at your nearest hazardous waste collection center or at a scheduled drop-off event.

### TRASH

- Dispose of non-toxic packaging or waste products such as hair, fur and nails from grooming and styling activities in the trash and/or recycling containers.

### SPILL PREVENTION AND CLEANUP

- In case a product spills outdoors, keep a spill kit available in your mobile unit.
- Clean spills or drips immediately.
- Use dry methods for cleaning up spills (absorbent, sweep) rather than rinsing down areas and dispose of it properly.

### TRAINING

- Provide BMP training to all new employees and offer existing employees an annual refresher on stormwater pollution prevention.
- Post BMPs within the mobile unit.
- Keep all training records on-site and available for inspection.

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