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## Trash & Dumpster Management

**Don't let your trash end up in our waterways**

### **Best Management Practices**

- 1. Keep dumpsters, trash cans and recycling bins covered, except when filling or emptying.**  
Schedule pickup frequency to keep trash from holding the cover open. Open lids allow contact with rainwater, which dissolve and transport contaminants into the stormwater system.
- 2. Do not put liquids or greases in trash receptacles.**  
They should be discarded in an approved grease container. Some liquids may be accepted by the local sanitary sewer district, check with WVU EHS prior to discharging any liquid into the sewer system.
- 3. Check that the compactor, dumpster or trash can are in good condition with no holes or accumulation of grime.**  
Trash containers should be leak free. If using a compactor ensure that there is no liquid leaking onto the pavement where it will come in contact with stormwater. When necessary, call the sanitation company to replace or clean the receptacles.
- 4. Regularly inspect the trash enclosure and general area for problems.**  
Clean the trash enclosure as needed to remove any accumulation of grime and/or general trash from the ground
- 5. Clean trash cans in a designated area with a connection to the sanitary sewer such as a mop sink or floor drain.**  
Do not use a drain without knowing whether it flows to the sanitary sewer or a self-contained sump. Confirm before using any drains to ensure proper disposal. Never discharge wash-water to storm drains or offsite.
- 6. Recycle as much as possible.**  
Toss cardboard, mixed paper, #1-#7 plastics, steel and aluminum cans, green, brown, or clear glass, and aseptic packaging like drink cartons in any of the blue recycling cans and dumpsters provided on WVU campus. Remove any contaminates like food and liquid waste from items prior to recycling them.



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