

Protecting Water Resources in Housing and Dormitory Areas At Peterson Air Force Base

Protecting water resources is everyone's job. By implementing best management practices in housing and dormitory areas of Peterson AFB, you help ensure pollutants are kept out of the storm drain system and help keep Colorado's water resources clean.



Best Management Practices

Lawn Care and Outdoor Maintenance

- Always store pesticides, fertilizers, and application equipment in areas that are protected from rainfall.
- Follow manufacturer application guidelines and do not over apply pesticides and fertilizers.
- Clean up spills immediately to avoid migration of contamination.
- Sweep up and dispose of any pesticides and fertilizers that fall on pavement surfaces.
- Do not overwater lawns or landscape areas.
- Sweep sidewalks and driveways to remove dirt and debris. Don't hose or sweep dirt/debris into storm drains.

Vehicle Washing and Maintenance

- Vehicle maintenance, including oil changes, is prohibited in housing and dormitory areas on Peterson AFB. The Fort Carson and Air Force Academy Auto Skills Centers are available for use.
- Use kitty litter or other absorbent material to clean up oil, antifreeze, or other vehicle fluids from pavements. Sweep up and dispose of kitty litter in the trash.
- Maintain and repair vehicles to prevent fluid drips and leaks.
- Commercial car wash facilities are preferred for vehicle washing. If vehicles must be washed at your residence, use only biodegradable, ammonia-free and phosphate-free soaps. Minimize the use of soaps and water to reduce or prevent wash water from entering storm drain inlets.
- Tires, batteries, and fluids should be recycled. Most auto parts stores offer recycling and disposal services for these regulated items.

Waste Disposal and Recycling

- Dispose of all waste and recyclable materials in appropriate containers.
- Recycle all items that are marked with a recycling symbol.
- Household hazardous materials that can be reused, such as cleaners, pesticides, and paints, may be accepted and reused through the TVC Maintenance Service Desk (719) 597-7204.
- Household hazardous waste for disposal should be taken to the El Paso County Household Hazardous Waste Facility at 3255 Akers Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80922 (~ 5 miles from Peterson AFB). Contact the facility at (719) 520-7871 for information on operating hours or acceptable materials.

Pet Waste

- As required by TVC Housing Lease agreement to protect health and water quality, residents must clean up pet waste at least weekly from backyards and immediately from front yards and common areas. Dispose of pet waste in the toilet or in the trash.

Report Problems

- Immediately report large spills to the Fire Department at 911 or (719) 556-7354.
- Report illegal dumping of any material into the storm drain to Security Forces at (719) 556-4000.
- Report blocked storm drain inlets to the TVC Service Desk at (719) 597-7204.