**Description**

Fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides are potentially harmful chemicals require safe and organized practices to assure that pollution does not enter into stormwater.

**Approach**

- For a quick reference on disposal alternatives for specific wastes, see the table presented in the Employee/Subcontractor Training BMP fact sheet, Table GHP-14-1, and MSDS.
- Contractors/subcontractors should develop controls on the application of pesticides, on-site. Controls may include:
  - List of approved pesticides and selected uses
  - Product and application information for users
  - Equipment use and maintenance procedures
  - Record keeping and public notice procedures
  - MSDS

The following discussion provides some general information on good housekeeping:

- Always use caution when handling any pesticide or fertilizer product. Many products contain toxic chemicals that can cause severe injury or death.
- Store pesticide or fertilizer products securely and away from children, pets, and sources of heat, sparks, and flames.
- Avoid contact with eyes and skin. Wear gloves and eye protection when using or handling hazardous substances. **Do not** wear contact lenses, which can absorb hazardous vapors.
### Approach (cont'd)
- Work in only well ventilated areas if handling these materials in doors.
- Use up the entire product before disposing the container.
- Do not dispose of pesticide or fertilizer wastes:
  1. in trash
  2. down storm drains or into creeks
  3. onto the ground
  4. by burning
- Do dispose of hazardous wastes at household hazardous waste collection events or facilities.

### Maintenance
- Employee and subcontractor training,
- Contractor and subcontractor employees who handle potentially harmful materials should be trained in good housekeeping practices. Personnel who use pesticides must be trained in their use.
- The primary cost is for staff time as noted above.

### Inspection Checklist
- Fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides are properly stored.
- Fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides are clearly marked for easy identification.
- Old or used fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides have been properly disposed.
- Storage unit is properly ventilated.