# BMP A04: Loading Dock Management

## Pollutants of Concern:
- Hazardous Materials
- Metals
- Trash/Litter
- Dry Weather Flows
- Oil & Grease
- Fuel

## Purpose:
To prevent or reduce the discharge of pollutants to storm water from outdoor loading/unloading of materials.

## Application:
Material loading/unloading activities and loading dock area management.

## Practices:
1. Keep loading dock areas clean and clean up spills promptly.
2. Train employees on proper spill response procedures in accordance with BMP A02.
3. Prevent wash water or other non-storm water discharges from going into storm drains in the loading dock area (See BMP D06).
4. Regularly inspect equipment for leaks and place drip pans under leaking equipment.
5. Load/unload only at designated loading areas.
6. Limit the exposure of materials with a potential to contaminate storm water. Store outdoor materials with the potential to contribute pollutants to storm water runoff under cover and off the ground (e.g., on pallets) to prevent exposure to storm water runoff.
7. Do not store dumpsters over storm drains.
8. Avoid loading and unloading during wet weather, whenever possible.
9. Design new loading docks to include a covered and bermed enclosure for trash and recycling dumpsters.

## Frequency & Maintenance:
1. Regularly inspect equipment for leaks and needed repairs. Repair or replace leaking components as needed.
2. Dry sweep the loading dock area regularly.
3. Maintain spill response material (e.g., spill kit) in a location that is easy to access and is known to personnel. Inspect spill kit provisions on a regular basis and replace as needed.
4. Schedule trash/recycling collections frequently enough to prevent dumpsters from overfilling.

## Training:
Shops, trades, and theater staff that perform outdoor work activities that could contribute pollutants to the campus storm water system must take the “Annual Shop & Studio Environmental Compliance & Hazards Training” which includes storm water pollution prevention and spill prevention, control, and cleanup.

## Additional Information:
UC San Diego’s Storm Water Management Program: [http://stormwater.ucsd.edu](http://stormwater.ucsd.edu)