# BMP C01: Trash Management

**Pollutants of Concern:**
- Litter & Debris
- Oil and Grease
- Bacteria

## Purpose:
To prevent or reduce the discharge of pollutants from trash storage areas into storm drains.

## Application:
Outdoor trash storage areas (dumpsters, bins, and other large refuse containers).

## Practices:
1. Keep outdoor trash and recycling dumpsters closed when not in use.
2. Empty outdoor trash and recycling bins/cans frequently to prevent spillage.
3. Place trash and recycling receptacles in appropriate locations. Do NOT store receptacles over storm drain inlets.
4. Label recycling and trash receptacles to ensure appropriate materials are placed in appropriate containers.
5. Contain food and animal wastes in tied plastic bags or closable containers.
6. Clean receptacles as needed and keep areas around receptacles clean and orderly.
7. Use absorbent materials to clean up any spilled liquid garbage waste (e.g., grease or cooking oil) and dispose of used absorbent in the trash.
8. Use “dry” cleaning methods (e.g., sweep or vacuum) whenever feasible.
9. If water is used to clean, do **not** allow wash water to get into storm drains:
   1. Collect and dispose of wash water through EH&S if it contains grease, oil, solids, or floatable debris. Store wash water in a container labeled “wash water” for pick up by EH&S. Fax or email collection request to (858) 534-9708 or hazwaste@ucsd.edu.
   2. Wash water may be disposed of to the sanitary sewer system (indoor drain) if it does not contain these wastes.
10. Do **NOT** dispose of any hazardous waste in a trash receptacle! If hazardous waste is observed in a trash receptacle, notify EH&S immediately: (858) 534-3660

## Frequency & Maintenance:
1. Inspect trash receptacles and storage areas regularly to confirm they are not leaking, overfilled, or spilling and increase pick-up schedule if needed. Keep storage areas clean and lids closed.
2. Repair or replace leaking or damaged receptacles as needed.

## 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)