



# Vehicle Service Facility Program

The Vehicle Service Facility Program was started by the City of Santa Cruz in 1999. The goal of the program is to educate vehicle service businesses on how to prevent vehicle-associated pollutants from entering the storm drain system and ultimately the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. Vehicle Service Facilities include the following types of businesses: auto repair shops, gas stations, auto body repair shops, car and truck rental companies, car wash and detail businesses, and vehicle dealerships.

## Best Management Practices

In order to reduce the amount of pollutants reaching local storm drains from Vehicle Service Facilities, the City developed Best Management Practices (BMPs). The Best Management Practices include both mandatory BMPs, which are required by law, and recommended BMPs, which are guidelines and suggestions to help attain compliance.

[Best Management Practices for Vehicle Service Facilities \[PDF\]](#)

[Establecimientos para el Servicio de Vehículos \[PDF\]](#)

## Spill Response Plan

One of the mandatory BMPs requires a facility to maintain a current Spill Response Plan. This plan must describe how to prevent accidental spills from occurring, and the appropriate materials used to contain and clean up a spill if one occurs. For more information about what your Spill Response Plan should include, please click on this link: [Spill Response Plan Requirements](#)



## Clean Ocean Business Program

The Clean Ocean Business Program was recently started by the City to recognize vehicle service facilities that are in compliance with the City's mandatory BMPs. Businesses that qualify receive free advertising in the local newspapers and two brightly colored six-inch Clean Ocean Business decals. For the list of 2011 Clean Ocean Businesses, please click on the link below.

[List of Vehicle Service Facilities Recognized as 2014 Clean Ocean Businesses\[PDF\]](#)

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They can be downloaded by clicking on the icons below.

