

Tempe Environmental Bulletin

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Spring Cleaning

Time for SPRING Cleaning

Spring is the perfect time to prepare your property before the beginning of the Monsoon Season in June. Here's a list of things to inspect around your facility to make sure it's prepared before the storms arrive. Make sure outdoor storage and refuse areas are tidy and garbage bin lids are closed. Remove trash or debris from fence lines. Make sure any chemicals onsite are properly labeled and protected from stormwater contact (use pallets, tarps, or store undercover). Trim trees so they are away from windows and rooftops; thin tree canopy to help prevent limb breakage and uprooting. Inspect and clean your roof drainage system including gutters and scuppers. Don't apply fertilizers or other outdoor chemicals before rain is expected. Secure loose items on your property. Finally, keep storm drains clean of debris. Inspect drainage structures on and adjacent to your property to make sure they are clear of debris. Flooding of streets, sidewalks and businesses can be much worse if the storm drains are blocked. If



you notice excessive amounts of debris near a storm drain in the street, report it to Tempe 311 at 480-350-4311.

<u>Click here</u> for more stormwater tips.

ADEQ Construction General Permit Stakeholder Process

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) is seeking input for reissuance of the AZPDES Construction General Permit (CGP). The current permit ends on June 2, 2018.



The draft CGP and corresponding Fact Sheet is expected to be released for a formal 30-day public notice (PN) and comment period in mid-April. Register here to receive PN when it is released. The PN will also be posted on ADEQ's website and published in the Arizona Administrative Register (A.A.R.) by the Arizona Secretary of State. Laurie (Rosi) Sherrill, ADEQ Stormwater and General Permits, 602-771-4409, Sherrill.Laurie@azdeq.gov is accepting comments on the draft.

More information about the CGP is available online.

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This permit is available to cover discharges from potable water systems; subterranean dewatering; well purging; well development, maintenance, and aquifer testing; reclaimed water systems; or other uncontaminated discharges determined by ADEQ to be eligible for specific approval. Permit coverage can be temporary or long-term. To obtain coverage, manage or terminate Notices of Intent (NOIs), and submit e-DMRs use myDEQ, ADEQ's online portal.

Learn more about the permit at on ADEQ's website.