Austin guide to... enviro MECHANICS

The Austin Enviro Mechanics program is a cooperative effort between the City of Austin Watershed Protection Department and local businesses. The goal is to encourage businesses to adopt shop practices that keep pollutants from entering storm drains.



What Businesses Can Participate?

- General automotive, boat, aircraft, fleet, truck, motorcycle and heavy equipment repair
- Radiator repair
- Machine shop services
- Transmission and motor rebuilding and repair
- Small engine repair
- Hydraulic system rebuilding and repair
- Lubrication services
- Petroleum storage and dispensing facilities
- Automotive salvage services

How to Qualify as a Partner?

- Have a current inspection by the Stormwater Discharge Permit Program (within the last three years)
- Have a current City Stormwater Discharge Permit
- Comply with City Codes
- Post a written Spill Contingency Plan for employees (City can provide a model)

Be an environmental leaders in your industry. Clean shops mean clean creeks.

- Maintain waste disposal records and Material Safety Data Sheets for all chemicals used
- Identify where all exterior and interior floor drains, traps and sumps are plumbed (City can provide dye tracing if plumbing plans aren't available)
- Mark storm drains on the property to provide education to both employees and public (City will provide marking kit)
- Have a non-regulatory, voluntary waste reduction assessment conducted at your business free of charge

What Benefits Will [Receive?

- Program window decal
- Customer brochures
- T-shirts
- Framed certificate of participation
- Poster demonstrating appropriate shop practices
- Handbook explaining compliance with environmental regulations
- Recognition through advertisements and news releases distributed to local newspapers and television stations

For More Information:

Call the Stormwater Discharge Permit Program staff at 512-974-2550

