



## **AUTOMOBILE PARKING**

Parked automobiles may contribute pollutants to the storm drain because poorly maintained vehicles may leak fluids containing hydrocarbons, metals, and other constituents. In addition, heavily soiled automobiles may drop clods of dirt onto the parking surface, contributing to the sediment load when runoff is present. During rain events, or wash-down activities, the pollutants may be carried into the storm drain system.

Think before leaving anything in the storm drain. The ocean starts at your front door.

### **Designated BMPs**

- Residents will be required to remove vehicles from the street during designated street sweeping/cleaning times.
- Residents are encouraged to place a pan or similar collection device under their automobile if it is leaking fluids, until such time as the leak may be repaired.
- Use dry cleaning methods to remove any materials deposited by vehicles (e.g. adsorbents for fluid leaks, sweeping for soil clod deposits).
- Residents are encouraged to perform routine maintenance on their automobiles to minimize fluid leaks, and maximize efficiency.

### **Optional BMPs**

- Residents are encouraged/required to park automobiles over permeable surfaces (e.g. gravel, or porous cement).
- Limit vehicle parking to covered areas.