



**Bowling Green, Kentucky  
Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs)  
Good Housekeeping Practices (GHPs)**

**GHP-10**

**Activity: Sanitary/Septic Waste Management  
(S&SWM)**

**PLANNING  
CONSIDERATIONS:**

**Training:**  
Yes

**Inspection  
Frequency:**  
Weekly

**Implementation  
Cost:**  
Medium

**Monthly  
Maintenance:**  
Medium



**Target Pollutants**

Significant ♦	Partial ♦	Low or Unknown ♦
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Sediment ♦	Heavy Metals ♦	Nutrients ♦	Oxygen Demanding Substances ♦	Toxic Materials ♦
Oil & Grease ♦	Bacteria & Viruses ♦	Floatable Materials ♦	Construction Waste ♦	

**Description**

Providing convenient well-maintained sanitary and septic waste facilities with regular service and disposal reduces or prevents discharge of pollutants to stormwater from sanitary/septic waste.

**Approach**

- Sanitary or septic wastes should be treated or disposed of in accordance with Kentucky Division of Water (KDOW) and local health department requirements.
- Locate sanitary facilities in a convenient location.
- Never discharge untreated or raw wastewater to a ditch, creek or other waterway, or bury on site.
- Temporary septic systems should treat wastes to appropriate levels prior to discharging. KDOW should be consulted to determine appropriate levels.
- If using an on-site disposal system (OSDS), such as a septic system, comply with local health agency requirements.
- Temporary sanitary facilities that discharge to the sanitary sewer system should be properly connected and inspected by the local sewer authority to avoid illicit discharges to the storm sewer system and other pertinent requirements.
- Privately held sanitary/septic facilities should be maintained in good working order by a licensed service.
- Arrange for regular waste collection by a licensed hauler before facilities overflow.
- For a quick reference on disposal alternatives for specific wastes, see the table presented in the Employee/Subcontractor Training BMP fact sheet, [Table GHP-14-1](#).
- Anchor portable sanitary facilities, when needed, to prevent them from tipping by vandals.

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- Maintenance**
- Inspect facilities regularly.
  - Arrange for regular waste collection.

**Inspection Checklist**

- There are no major limitations to this best management practice other than those that may be imposed by the local sewer authority.