

# Ski Tuning Shops

Drinking water, agriculture, fishing and recreation depend on a healthy stormwater system.

You can help!

## What is Stormwater?

Stormwater runoff is precipitation that is not absorbed into the ground. It travels over impermeable surfaces like roads, rooftops, parking lots and other paved surfaces. As it moves, it picks up particles, debris, chemicals and pollutants.

Runoff enters the storm drain system and travels to the nearest water source *untreated* – the Yampa River. Stormwater pollution has the potential to impact water quality, compromising water resources.



## Did you know your ski tuning business has a part to play in protecting the health of the Yampa River?

Correct handling and disposal of the chemicals, wastewater and waxes used for ski tuning can protect local waterways and stormwater health.

Learn the easy steps you can take!



### What can my business do to protect stormwater health?

- Identify and label all toxic and chemical substances and be sure to contain and cover waste stockpiles.
- Train employees about the toxic chemicals they may be working with, and their proper clean-up and spill response.
- Immediately clean up spills by using a spill kit for hazardous chemicals or by wiping up with soapy water.
- Be careful with rise water, and wash water discharges—never dump soapy water, or water containing chemicals down a storm drain. Dispose of contaminated water in a sink or toilet where it will be treated at a wastewater treatment plant.
- Tune skis or other equipment in a controlled environment, never outdoors.
- Use dry clean-up methods (like broom and dustpan) to clean up scraps of wax and Ptex when servicing is complete.
- Collect and contain any scraps of wax or Ptex, and dispose of in a designated bin--NOT in the sanitary system. Any wax or Ptex that enters the sanitary system will clog pipes.
- Dispose of collected wax and Ptex scraps in designated bin, rather than the regular garbage can. Return scraps to manufacturer for recycling and/or proper disposal.

### What happens if my business pollutes the stormwater system?

Did you know it is **illegal** to make improper discharges in a storm drain system?

According to the City of Steamboat Springs Municipal Code:

“...a person convicted of a violation of this Code shall be punished by a **fine** not exceeding nine hundred ninety-nine dollars (\$999.00) or **imprisonment** for a term not exceeding one hundred eighty (180) days, or any **combination** thereof...”

### “See Something, Say Something”

If you suspect or observe an inadvertent discharge, or an illicit discharge, always let the proper authorities know.

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