

Source Control Practices and Pollution Prevention

Source controls and pollution prevention are operational practices that can reduce the types and concentrations of pollutants in stormwater runoff by limiting the generation of pollutants at their source. The guiding principle behind these techniques is to minimize contact of stormwater with potential pollutants, thereby reducing pollutant loads and the size and cost of stormwater treatment. This Manual emphasizes the use of source control practices and pollution prevention, in conjunction with LID site planning and design, to reduce the need for and scope of structural stormwater BMPs. A variety of common source control practices that can be implemented at residential, municipal, institutional, commercial, and industrial sites are addressed in [Chapter 6](#) – Source Control Practices and Pollution Prevention of this Manual, which includes references and links to existing available information sources on each topic.