

DRAFT - LWMP 2025-2029 Work Plan – July 2024

Program Area 5: Hazardous Materials

Objective: Prevent water quality impacts associated with improper storage and handling of hazardous materials and ensure that spill prevention and response programs adequately protect water quality.

2025-2029 Estimated Investments: \$115,000

The Lake Whatcom Management Program (LWMP) promotes the proper management of hazardous materials to prevent pollution from entering stormwater systems. These efforts are especially important in the Lake Whatcom watershed to protect our community's drinking water source.

5.1 Hazardous Materials

Facilitate removal of hazardous materials from watershed residences.

5.1.1 Promote and provide education on proper use, storage and disposal of hazardous materials.

5.2 Spill Prevention and Response

Protect water quality by providing adequate spill prevention, response and disposal programs.

5.2.1 Continue to detect and remediate illicit discharges, connections, and improper disposal, including spills into the City of Bellingham stormwater system or Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District sewer system.

5.2.2 Educate watershed residents and visitors on how to prevent and report spills.

5.2.3 Continue to record and respond to calls regarding illicit discharges or spills received via the stormwater hotline number.

5.2.4 Review spill response procedures and reporting protocols.

5.2.5 Conduct ongoing field staff training regarding spill prevention and response.

Reporting Metrics:

- Number of spills, illicit discharges, or hazardous material incidents reported in the watershed

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- Proportion of watershed residents who are knowledgeable about proper hazardous materials disposal measured every five years through the Lake Whatcom Watershed Baseline Survey
- Proportion of watershed residents who are knowledgeable about how to report spills measured every five years through the Lake Whatcom Watershed Baseline Survey