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Water Conservation Tips for Vehicle Repair Shops

- ❑ Know where your water goes. Conserve and protect water by minimizing waste in wastewater. Do not dispose of hazardous waste down a city sewer system.
- ❑ Monitor your water system for leaks. A leaky hose, faucet, or pipe can cost your business a lot of money in water bills. A leaky toilet can waste 200 gallons of water per day.
- ❑ Install adjustable spray nozzles with shut off valves on cleaning hoses. Ask employees to use only as much water as necessary to get the job done.
- ❑ Capture water from vehicle washing with a floor drain and sump. Reuse wastewater for pre-washing vehicle's or floors.
- ❑ If using a hot-water washer, opt for a type that re-circulates the water.
- ❑ Use dry floor cleaning methods such as sweeping and vacuuming rather than hosing down the bay area floor. Also use these dry methods for cleaning sidewalks, driveways, loading docks and parking lots.
- ❑ When cleaning a spill, use a dry method like absorbent sock, mop and bucket or squeegee to contain and clean the spill instead of hosing it down with water.
- ❑ Plant native, less water intensive grasses and plants outside in any lawn areas to reduce the need for irrigation water. Visit your local garden store to find out how.
- ❑ Water your lawn area at night, when its cool and evaporation is minimized.
- ❑ Make sure your sprinkler system waters the lawn areas only-not the sidewalk or parking lot.
- ❑ If running a dishwasher, only run full loads.
- ❑ Install low-flow toilets, low-flow showerheads, and faucets with aerators.