

Portable containers must be properly managed and stored to prevent pollutants from entering stormwater drains. When managing portable containers, the following Best Management Practices (BMPs) must be followed:

- Store containers in a structure or under cover
- Store materials in a leak-proof container with tight fitting lid
- Label all containers with contents/hazards or as empty
- Address leaking containers immediately – transfer contents to another container or place on secondary containment
- If safe to do so, clean up leaks/spills with absorbent materials immediately
 - Pick up absorbents after use!
- Train employees on proper housekeeping and storage practices
- Document BMPs and keep training records



- Not covered
- Materials stacked haphazardly
- Containers not stored upright

- Covered storage
- Elevated off ground
- Secondary containment (on left)



Contact Port Maritime Operations 24-hour line at (206) 787-3751 if a spill or sheen is going into a catch basin or deck drain