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BMP Case Studies - Wash Load at Bedford Golf and Tennis Club



The Bedford Golf and Tennis Club followed Best Management Practices (BMP) [chemical storage guidelines](#) in the construction of a new state of the art wash/load facility. Bob Nielsen, CGCS, will be presenting on the new wash station and its construction at the NYSTA Turf Grounds Exposition during Thursday morning's Golf Turf BMPs: Maintenance Facility session.

The new facility incorporates a number of features to contain any unintended releases of chemicals and incorporates a new filtration system (Carbtrol System) for wash water recycling and a new chemical mixing and loading system (Plant Star). Although the building was costly, the possibility of a chemical spill has been minimized and the chance for groundwater contamination from either nutrients or chemicals has been greatly reduced. A case study of this project is available on the [BMP website](#).

Because not every golf course has the budget for a similar system, it is important to remember that changes to existing systems can be achieved over time to help meet the chemical storage guidelines, such as:

- impervious flooring
- curbing to contain at least 25% of the volume of liquid chemicals and fertilizers stored
- installation of fire extinguishers and purchase of spill containment materials.
- ventilation to exhaust any fumes in the event of a spill
- PPE for workers and emergency wash stations



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