



- Carry out cleaning and degreasing activities in designated washbay areas and not on ground which discharges to surface water drains, watercourses or soakaways. A water recycling system can reduce water use and associated costs. The washbay should be impermeable and isolated by a raised kerb, with the effluent directed to foul sewer or a sealed sump. Never direct the drainage from these areas through an oil interceptor, as the oil will be emulsified and washed out of the interceptor.
- Never use degreasers or steam cleaners to clean yard and forecourt areas unless the area drains to a foul sewer rather than a surface water drain and you have permission to discharge the waste water. Never put the degreasing or steam cleaning drainage through an oil interceptor, as the oil will be emulsified and washed out of the interceptor.
- Make sure you have an up to date and accurate drainage plan available at all times. This will identify the locations of all existing drains and sewers in and around your site, and where they lead. When connecting a discharge to a drain or sewer, always check that you are connecting to the correct system; all trade effluent and sewage to the foul sewer, and only clean uncontaminated surface water to the surface water drainage system.
- Paint drainage system manhole covers, gullies and grills on site in a recognised colour coding system (blue for surface water drains and red for foul water drains). This will help you to identify where any discharge or spillage will end up.