


Cover Your Truck Loads to Help Cut Pollution



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material are
covered**





What's the problem?

Trucks hauling unsecured loads risk the load falling out, creating unsightly and potentially unsafe conditions.

Loose debris, such as lawn clippings, leaves, topsoil, and other materials, falling on roadways are **washed into storm drains** and end up in our waterways.

New York State Law

With certain exceptions, NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law (Section 380-a) requires a cover, tarpaulin, or other approved device to completely close the opening on the truck or trailer during operation to prevent loose substances falling from the vehicle or blowing out during transport.

What can you do?

- Secure loads using proper containers and **cover loose materials**.
- When transporting loose materials, inspect truck beds, sideboards, tailgates, cab protectors, and pintle hooks before transporting and after completing the delivery.

Other Best Practices to reduce stormwater pollution

Prevent materials used from entering the storm drains and creeks.

Deliver, store, prepare, transport and use materials in a manner that minimizes or eliminates the discharge to storm drains and waterways.

Use proper loading and unloading techniques to prevent spills.

