Good Cleaning Practices
Auto Repair Industry

Metal Grinding & Polishing
Keep a bin under your lathe or grinder to capture metal filings. Send uncontaminated filings to a scrap metal recycler for reclamation.

Cleaning Up Spills
Follow your hazardous materials response plan, as filed with your local fire department or other hazardous materials authority. Be sure that all employees are aware of the plan and are capable of implementing each phase of the plan. Use dry methods for spill cleanup (sweeping, absorbent materials, etc.)

Cleaning Auto Parts
Scrape parts with a wire brush or use a bake oven rather than liquid cleaners. Arrange drip pans, drying racks, and drain boards so that fluids are directed back into the sink or the fluid holding tank.

Proper Storage Of Hazardous Waste
Keep your liquid wastes segregated. Many fluids can be recycled via hazardous waste disposal companies if they are not mixed. Store all materials under cover or inside to prevent contamination by rainwater.

Proper Disposal Of Hazardous Waste
Recycle solvents, oil, used oil filters, anti-freeze, batteries, lubricants, and metal fillings collected from grinding/polishing auto parts. Contact a hazardous waste hauler to dispose of saturated absorbents.

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