

This brochure is one of a series of pamphlets describing storm drain protection measures for specific types of construction industry activities. Other pamphlets include:

General Construction and Site Supervision

Landscaping, Gardening, and Pool Maintenance

Painting and Application of Solvents and Adhesives

Fresh Concrete and Mortar Application

Roadwork and Paving

Earth-Moving Activities

Heavy Equipment Operation

For more information about the countywide storm drain protection program and additional brochures, call :



Contra Costa
Clean Water Program
255 Glacier Drive
Martinez, CA 94553
1-800-NO DUMPING

Spill Response Agencies

1. DIAL 911
2. Governor's Office of Emergency Services Warning Center
(800) 852-7550 (24 hours)

Local Pollution Control Agencies

Contra Costa	
Clean Water Program	(925) 313-2360
City of Antioch	(925) 779-7035
City of Brentwood	(925) 516-5348
City of Clayton	(925) 672-6690
City of Concord	(925) 671-3394
Contra Costa County	(925) 313-2238
Town of Danville	(925) 314-3310
City of El Cerrito	(925) 215-4367
City of Hercules	(925) 799-8247
City of Lafayette	(925) 284-1951
City of Martinez	(925) 372-3515
Town of Moraga	(925) 546-7111
City of Orinda	(925) 253-4231
City of Pinole	(510) 724-9010
City of Pittsburg	(925) 439-4830
City of Pleasant Hill	(925) 671-5261
City of Richmond	(510) 412-2001
City of San Pablo	(510) 215-3030
City of San Ramon	(925) 275-2241
City of Walnut Creek	(925) 943-5827

Painting and Application of Solvents and Adhesives



Best Management Practices for the Construction Industry



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Clean Water Program

Storm Drain Pollution Prevention: It's Up to Us

In Contra Costa County, storm drains flow directly to local creeks, San Francisco Bay, and the delta with no treatment. Stormwater pollution is a serious problem for wildlife dependent on our waterways and for the people who live near polluted streams or baylands. Some common sources of this pollution include spilled oil, fuel, and fluids from vehicles and heavy equipment; construction debris; landscaping runoff containing pesticides or weed killers; and materials such as used motor oil, antifreeze, and paint products that people pour or spill into a street or storm drain.

Eighteen cities, the County, and the County Flood Control District have joined together to educate local residents and businesses and fight storm drain pollution. We hope you will join us, by using the practices describe in this pamphlet.

Who should use this brochure?

- Painters
- Paperhangers
- Plasterers
- Graphic Artists
- Dry Wall Crews
- Floor Covering Installers
- General Contractors
- Home Builders
- Developers

What Can You Do?

Keep all liquid paint products and wastes away from the gutter, street, and storm drains.

Liquid residues from paints, thinners, solvents, glues, and cleaning fluids are hazardous wastes. When they are thoroughly dry, empty paint cans, spent brushes, rags, and drop cloths may be disposed of as trash.

Paint Removal

- ❑ Chemical paint stripping residue is a hazardous waste. For information on the proper disposal of hazardous waste, call 1-800 NO DUMPING.
- ❑ Chips and dust from marine paints or paints containing lead or tributyl tin are hazardous wastes. Dry sweep and dispose of appropriately.
- ❑ Paint chips and dust from non-hazardous dry stripping and sand blasting may be swept up and disposed of as trash.
- ❑ When stripping or cleaning building exteriors with high-pressure water, block storm drains. Direct wash water onto a dirt area.

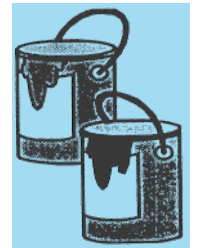
Painting Cleanup

- ❑ Never clean brushes or rinse paint containers into a street, gutter storm drain or stream.

Storm Drain pollution from paints, solvents and adhesives

All paints, solvents, and adhesives contain chemicals that are harmful to the wildlife in our creeks and Bay. Toxic chemicals may come from liquid or solid products or from cleaning residues or rags. It is especially important not to clean brushes in an area where paint residue can flow to a gutter, street or storm drain.

- ❑ For water-based paints, paint out brushes to the extent possible, and rinse to the sanitary sewer.
- ❑ For oil-based paints, paint out brushes to the extent possible, filter and reuse thinners and solvents. Dispose of excess liquids and residue as hazardous waste.



Recycle/reuse leftover paints whenever possible.

- ❑ Recycle excess water-based paint, or use up. Dispose of excess liquid, including sludges, as hazardous waste.
- ❑ Reuse leftover oil-based paint. Dispose of excess liquid, including sludges, as hazardous waste.