
Spill Response

Non-Emergency Calls:

Solano County Department of
Resource Management
(707) 784-6765

Fairfield Police Department
(707) 428-7300

Suisun City Police Department
(707) 421-7373

Fairfield-Suisun Urban Runoff
Management Program
(707) 429-8930

Emergency Calls Only:

Dial 911

Other Useful Numbers:

San Francisco Bay Regional Water
Quality Control Board
(510) 622-2300

Fairfield Public Works Department
(707) 428-7485

Suisun City Public Works Department
(707) 421-7340

CA Department of Fish & Game
(707) 944-5512

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Fairfield and Suisun City gratefully acknowledge the Santa
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This brochure is one of a series of
pamphlets describing storm drain pro-
tection 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
storm drain protection program and
additional brochures, call:



Fairfield-Suisun URMP
1010 Chadbourne Road
Fairfield, CA 94534-9700
(707) 429-8930
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Stormwater Pollution Prevention for

Landscaping Gardening

and



Pool Maintenance

**Best Management
Practices for the
Construction Industry**

Storm Drain Pollution Prevention It's Up To Us

In the Fairfield-Suisun area, storm drains flow directly to the Suisun Marsh, San Francisco Bay, and onto the Pacific Ocean without treatment. Stormwater pollution is a serious problem for wildlife dependent on our waterways and for the people who live near streams or wetlands. Some common sources of this pollution include automotive fluids from vehicles and heavy equipment; 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.

The Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District and the Cities of Fairfield and Suisun City have joined together to inform local residents and businesses about how to fight storm drain pollution. We hope you will help us by using the practices described in this brochure.

Who Should Use This Brochure?

- * Landscapers
- * Gardeners
- * General contractors
- * Home builders
- * Developers
- * Swimming pool/spa service and repair workers

Storm Drain Pollution from Landscaping and Swimming Pool Maintenance

Many landscaping activities expose soils and increase the likelihood that earth and garden chemicals will runoff into the storm drains during irrigation or when it rains. Swimming pool water containing chlorine and copper-based algaecides should **never** be discharged to storm drains. These chemicals are toxic to aquatic life.

What Can You Do?

General Business Practices

- * Protect stockpiles and landscaping materials from wind and rain by storing them under tarps or secured plastic sheeting.
- * Store pesticides, fertilizers, and other chemicals indoors or in a shed or storage cabinet.
- * Schedule grading and excavation projects for dry weather.
- * Use temporary check dams or ditches to divert runoff away from storm drains.
- * Protect storm drain inlets with traffic rated filter bags, filter mats or other inlet protection measures.
- * **Revegetation is an excellent form of erosion control for any site.**

Landscaping/Garden Maintenance

- * Follow pesticide label directions. Rinse empty containers, and use rinsewater product. Dispose of rinsed containers in the trash.

- * Dispose of unused pesticides as hazardous waste.
- * Collect lawn and garden clippings, pruning waste, and tree trimmings. Chip, if necessary, and compost.
- * Do not place yard waste in gutters. In communities with curbside yard waste recycling, leave clippings and pruning waste for pickup in approved bags or containers. Or, take to a landfill that composts yard waste.
- * **Do not blow or rake leaves, etc. into the street.**

Pool/Fountain/Spa Maintenance

- * Never discharge chlorinated pool or spa water to a street or storm drain.
- * When emptying a pool or spa, let chlorine dissipate for 5 to 7 days or use a chlorine/bromine neutralizer that can be purchased at your local pool supply store. Then recycle water by draining it gradually on to a landscaped area, or drain the dechlorinated water to a storm drain.
- * Chlorinated water may be discharged to the sanitary sewer by running a hose to a utility sink or sewer pipe cleanout junction.
- * **Do not use copper-based algaecides.** Control algae with chlorine or other alternatives to copper-based pool chemicals. **Copper is harmful to aquatic life and cannot be completely removed by the sewage treatment plant.**