

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

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 storm drain protection program and additional brochures, call:

Solano Stormwater Alliance
1010 Chadbourne Road
Fairfield, CA 94534-9700
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**GENERAL
CONSTRUCTION**

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 and people who live near streams or wetlands.

Common sources of pollution

- Automotive fluids from vehicles and heavy equipment
- Landscaping runoff containing pesticides or weed killers
- Materials such as used motor oil, antifreeze
- Paint products that people pour or spill into a street or storm drain.

Storm Drain Pollution from Construction Activities

Construction sites are common sources of storm drain pollution. Materials and wastes that blow or wash into a storm drain, gutter, or street have a direct impact on the Suisun Marsh, San Francisco Bay and the Pacific Ocean.



As a contractor, site supervisor, owner or operator of a site, you may be responsible for any environmental damage caused by your subcontractors or employees.

What Can You Do?

Advance Planning Prevents Pollution

- **Schedule excavation and grading activities for dry weather periods.** Plant temporary vegetation or place other erosion controls before October 1st or before rain begins.
- **Protect storm drains** with berms or filters during wet weather periods.
- **Control runoff during excavation.** Use berms or drainage ditches to divert water flow around the site. Construct temporary check dams or berms to reduce runoff velocities.
- **Train your employees and subcontractors.** Make these brochures available and inform subcontractors about the new stormwater requirements and their responsibilities.

Materials/Waste Handling

- **Minimize waste when you order materials.** Order only the amount you need to finish the job.
- **Use recyclable materials whenever possible.** Arrange for pick-up of recyclable materials such as concrete and asphalt.
- **Dispose of all wastes and demolition debris properly.** Recycle materials like solvents, water-based paints, and wood. Materials and debris that cannot be recycled must be taken to an appropriate landfill or disposed of as hazardous waste.
- **Never bury waste materials or leave them in the street or near a creek or stream bed.**

Good Housekeeping Practices

- **Designate one completely contained area for auto parking, vehicle refueling, and routine equipment maintenance.** Be well away from streams or storm drain inlets, and berm if necessary.
- **Keep materials out of the rain.** Cover exposed piles of soil or construction materials with plastic sheeting or temporary roofs.
- **Keep pollutants off exposed surfaces.** Place trash cans and recycling receptacles around the site to minimize litter.
- **Dry sweep paved surfaces that drain to storm drain, creeks, or channels.** Use silt ponds or other techniques to trap sediment and other pollutants.
- **Clean up leaks, drips and other spills immediately** so they do not contaminate soil or groundwater or leave residue on paved surfaces. Use dry cleanup methods whenever possible.
- **Cover and maintain dumpsters. Check frequently for leaks.** Cover dumpsters with tarps or plastic sheeting secured around the outside of the dumpster. Never clean out a dumpster by hosing it down on the construction site.
- **Make sure portable toilets are maintained in good working order and that wastes are disposed of properly.** Frequently check for leaks.

