

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

Solano Stormwater Alliance
(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:*

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LANDSCAPING

Solano Stormwater Alliance
members manage storm drains
that flow to the San Francisco
Bay, and to 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.

Who should use this brochure?

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

Many landscaping activities expose soil and increase the likelihood that earth and garden chemicals will run off into 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?

- **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, chip, and compost lawn and garden clippings, pruning waste, and tree trimmings.
- **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.
- **Let chlorine dissipate for 5 to 7 days** or use a chlorine/bromine neutralizer. 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.
- **Avoid 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.