

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:

Solano Stormwater Alliance
1010 Chadbourne Road
Fairfield, CA 94534-9700
(707) 429-8930



Solano
Stormwater
Alliance



PAINTING AND APPLICATION

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?

Painters
Paperhangers
Plasterers
Graphic artists
Dry wall crews
Floor covering installers
General contractors
Home builders
Developer



Paints, solvents, and adhesives contain chemicals that are harmful to wildlife in the Suisun Marsh, San Francisco Bay, and the Pacific Ocean.

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.

What Can You Do? Handling Paint Products

- 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 and must be disposed of at a hazardous waste collection facility.



Paint Cleanup

- **Never clean brushes or rinse paint containers into a street, gutter, storm drain, or stream.**
- **For water-based paints, paint out brushes to the maximum extent possible** and rinse to the sanitary sewer. Never pour paint down a drain.
- **For oil-based paints, paint out brushes to the maximum extent and clean with thinner/solvent in a container.** Filter or reuse thinners/solvents. Dispose of excess liquids and residue as hazardous waste

Paint Removal

- **Paint chips and dust** from nonhazardous dry stripping and sand blasting may be swept up or collected in plastic drip cloths and disposed of as trash.
- **Chemical paint stripping residue** and chips and dust from **marine paints** or paints containing lead or tributyl tin must be disposed of as hazardous wastes.
- When stripping or cleaning with high-pressure water, **block storm drains. Wash water onto a dirt area and spade into soil.** Check with the local wastewater treatment authority to find out if you can collect (mop or vacuum) building cleaning water and dispose to the sanitary sewer.
 - Sampling of the water may be required to assist the wastewater treatment authority in making its decision.
- **Recycle or dispose of excess water-based paint at a household hazardous waste collection facility or use up.** When they are thoroughly dry, empty paint cans, used brushes, rags, and drip cloths may be disposed of as garbage in a sanitary landfill.
- **Reuse leftover oil-based paint.** Dispose of excess liquid, including sludges, as hazardous waste.
- Small quantity generator should check with the Solano County Resource Management regarding recycling or hazardous waste disposal.
- **Unopened cans of paint may be able to be returned to the paint vendor.** Check with the vendor regarding its "buy-back" policy