

# 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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# SAWCUT SLURRY

**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.

### What is Sawcut Slurry?

Sawcut Slurry is a mixture of the concrete sediment, gravel and washdown resulting from a sawcutting operation.

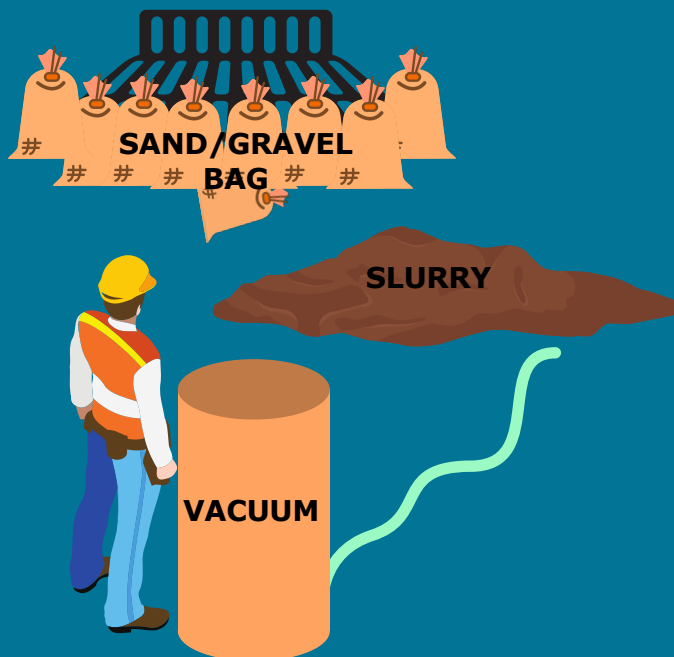


### Why is Sawcut Slurry a Problem?

Storm drains can carry sawcut slurry and other pollutant runoffs from the streets and gutters directly to local waterways. Sawcut slurry can be toxic to wildlife in creeks, bays and oceans. Slurry can clog storm drains and catch basins which could cause flooding.

### If sawcut slurry from your job enters a catch basin, you have broken the Law!

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### You Can Protect the Environment & Eliminate Unlawful Discharges into the Storm Drain System By Following the Three-Step Procedure

#### 1 Block Drains

Locate all nearby storm drain inlets, culverts, catch basins, etc. through which sediment discharges may enter and eventually reach a waterway. If you are within access of a storm drain inlet, block the path to the nearest drain. Use pollution prevention controls such as sand/gravel bags, or inlet filters in and/or around the storm drain grating to prevent discharges into the stormdrains can carry sawcut slurry and other pollutant runoffs from the streets and gutters directly to local waterways. Sawcut slurry can be toxic to wildlife in creeks, bays and oceans. Slurry can clog storm drains and catch basins which could cause flooding.

#### 2 Minimize Slurry

Slurry and sediment from saw cutting operations should be confined to the immediate area. The amount of runoff should be minimized. Use as little water as possible.

#### 3 Remove Slurry

Protect the general public. Minimize the tracking of the slurry off site by cars and pedestrians. Efficiently and effectively collect and remove all slurry and runoff from the saw cutting operation as soon as possible. Be sure to include removal of any slurry collected near the storm drain inlets. Always dispose of all collected sediment and slurry in a proper manner.