



CONSTRUCTION WASTE

Storm Water Regulations

It is illegal to discharge construction debris or wash out materials such as paint, concrete, slurry, mortar, stucco and plaster into the storm water conveyance system or any receiving water (San Diego Municipal Code §43.0304). Penalties associated with these violations can be up to \$10,000 per day per incidence.

Construction Waste

Construction sites and home repair can be sources of illegal discharges into the storm drain system. Construction waste, such as concrete, paint, chemicals, or sediment, can be hazardous to San Diego residents and our environment should it wash into the storm drain system.

Best Management Practices

Help reduce pollution and improve water quality by following these tips as part of your daily clean up and maintenance routine.

- Avoid using water to clean.
- Sweep surfaces regularly and place waste in a dumpster or trash can.
- Do not allow concrete, paints, chemicals, dirt, or gravel to enter the storm drain system (curb, gutter, sidewalk, street, drain or inlet).
- Store all materials on-site; not in the public right-of-way.
- Contain & cover materials to prevent leaks, spills and to keep them dry.
- Store containers and bagged materials on pallets rather than directly on the ground.
- Provide erosion control, such as straw wattle or silt fences to prevent sediment from leaving the site.
- Protect storm drain inlets from debris and wash water runoff.
- Provide a stabilized entrance and exit for vehicles to prevent tracking dirt off site by using gravel or corrugated steel plates. Clean plates regularly and replace gravel when no longer effective.
- When washing equipment or tools, prevent wash water from leaving the site by establishing a washout area to contain all liquids.
- Waste material should be disposed of at the end of the day.



STORM WATER FACT SHEET

A CHANGE FOR THE BETTER BEGINS WITH YOU



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Control, Contain, Capture

Control: Control mechanisms are processes and tools that allow you to manage your work area. This can be as simple as sectioning off your activity into smaller units, sweeping up debris, using a mop instead of a hose, or using a trigger nozzle instead of letting water run from a hose.

Contain: Contain your work area by isolating debris and pollutants. Containment could include blocking water and/or debris from leaving the area and entering the storm drain. Try using gravel bags, sandbags, straw wattle or a silt fence to prevent a potential discharge from leaving the area.

Capture: Capture all potential water and/or debris by using a wet-vacuum or washout area and sweeping or vacuuming up debris. Once the job is complete be sure to clean up the area and properly dispose of debris.

Dirt and Grading

Dirt and gravel stockpiled on site should be managed for dust control and covered or stabilized during the rainy season or prior to a rain event. Stabilize bare slopes with erosion control materials, such as straw wattles or erosion control blankets.

Washout Area

The disposal of “wet” construction materials (paint, stucco, and concrete) should be handled in a washout area. Be sure to designate the washout area before materials arrive. A washout area provides a space in which tools and equipment can be cleaned while containing the wash water and residue on site. Use a berm with an impervious liner to contain the wet materials and prevent runoff. Avoid placing a washout area near a storm drain inlet. All dried materials should be disposed of at the end of the day.

Keep Pollutants Out of Storm Drains

Many people think that when water flows into a storm drain it is treated, but the storm drain system and the sanitary sewer system are not connected. Everything that enters storm drains flows untreated directly into our creeks, rivers, bays, beaches and ultimately the ocean. Storm water often contains pollutants, including chemicals, trash, and automobile fluids, all of which pollute our beaches and harm fish and wildlife.

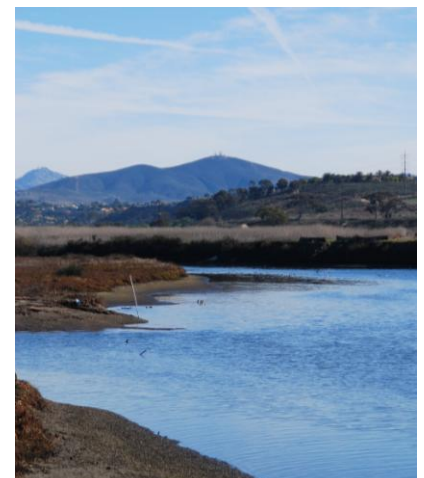
Whether at home or work, you can help reduce pollution and improve water quality by using the above Best Management Practices (BMP's) as part of your daily clean up and maintenance routine.



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