

Pollution Prevention — It's Part of the Plan

Program Participants: Antioch, Brentwood, Clayton, Concord, Danville, El Cerrito, Hercules, Lafayette, Martinez, Moraga, Orinda, Pinole, Pittsburg, Pleasant Hill, Richmond, San Pablo, San Ramon, Walnut Creek, Contra Costa County and Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

Contra Costa Clean Water Program

Make sure your crews and subs do the job right!

Runoff from streets and other paved areas is a major source of pollution in San Francisco Bay and Delta. Construction activities can directly affect the health of the Bay unless contractors and crews plan ahead to keep dirt, debris, and other construction waste away from storm drains and local creeks. Following these guidelines will help ensure your compliance with local agency stormwater ordinance requirements.

Vehicle and equipment maintenance & cleaning

- ✓ Inspect vehicles and equipment for leaks frequently. Use drip pans to catch leaks until repairs are made. Repair leaks promptly.
- ✓ Fuel and maintain vehicles on-site only in a bermed area or over a drip pan that is big enough to prevent runoff.
- ✓ If you must clean vehicles or equipment on-site, clean with water only in a bermed area that will not allow rainwater to run into gutters, streets, storm drains, or creeks.
- ✓ Do not clean vehicles or equipment on-site using soaps, solvents, degreasers, steam cleaning equipment, etc.



Dewatering operations

- ✓ Reuse water for dust control, irrigation, or another safe purpose to the greatest extent possible.
- ✓ Be sure to call the local agency before discharging water to a street, gutter, or storm drain. Filtration or diversion through a basin, tank, or sediment trap may be required.
- ✓ In areas of known contamination, testing is required prior to reuse or discharge of groundwater. Consult with the local agency to determine what testing to do and to interpret results. Contaminated groundwater must be treated or hauled off-site for proper disposal.



Concrete, grout, and mortar storage & waste disposal

- ✓ Be sure to store concrete, grout, and mortar under cover and away from drainage areas. These materials must never reach a storm drain.
- ✓ Wash out concrete equipment/trucks off-site or designate an on-site area for washing where water will flow onto dirt or into a temporary pit in a dirt area. Let the water seep into the soil and dispose of hardened concrete with trash.
- ✓ If a suitable dirt area is not available, collect the wash water and remove it for appropriate disposal off-site.
- ✓ Divert water from washing exposed aggregate concrete to a dirt area where it will not run into a gutter, street, or storm drain. If a suitable dirt area is not available, filter the wash water before discharging to a storm drain.



Painting

- ✓ Never rinse paint brushes or materials in a gutter or street!
- ✓ Paint out excess water-based paint before rinsing brushes, rollers, or containers in a sink. If you can't use a sink, direct wash water to a dirt area and spade it in.
- ✓ Paint out excess oil-based paint before cleaning brushes in thinner.
- ✓ Filter paint thinners and solvents for reuse whenever possible. Dispose of oil-based paint sludge and unusable thinner as hazardous waste.



Materials storage & spill cleanup

- ✓ Sand, dirt, and similar materials must be stored at least 10 feet from catch basins, and covered with a tarp during wet weather or when rain is forecast.
- ✓ Use (but don't overuse) reclaimed water for dust control as needed.
- ✓ Sweep streets and other paved areas daily. Do not wash down streets or work areas with water!
- ✓ Recycle all asphalt, concrete, and aggregate base material from demolition activities.
- ✓ Check dumpsters regularly for leaks and to make sure they don't overflow. Repair or replace leaking dumpsters promptly. Cover dumpsters during wet weather.

Hazardous materials management

- ✓ Label all hazardous materials and wastes (such as pesticides, paints, thinners, solvents, fuel, oil, and antifreeze) in accordance with local agency, state, and federal regulations.
- ✓ Store hazardous materials and wastes in secondary containment and cover them during wet weather.
- ✓ Follow manufacturer's application instructions for hazardous materials and be careful not to use more than necessary. Do not apply chemicals outdoors when rain is forecast within 24 hours.
- ✓ Be sure to arrange for appropriate disposal of all hazardous wastes.

Spill prevention and control

- ✓ Keep a stockpile of spill cleanup materials (eggs, absorbents, etc.) available at the construction site at all times.
- ✓ When spills or leaks occur, contain them immediately and be particularly careful not to prevent leaks and spills from reaching the gutter, street, or storm drain. Never wash spilled material into a gutter, street, storm drain, or creek!
- ✓ Report any hazardous materials spills immediately!

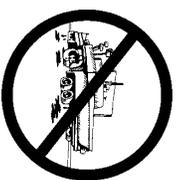
Earthwork & contaminated soils

- ✓ Keep excavated soil on the site where it is least likely to collect in the street. Transfer to dump trucks should take place on the site, not in the street.
- ✓ Use straw bales, silt fences, or other control measures to minimize the flow of silt off the site.
- ✓ Avoid scheduling earth moving activities during the rainy season if possible. If grading activities during wet weather are allowed in your permit, be sure to implement all control measures necessary to prevent erosion.
- ✓ Mature vegetation is the best form of erosion control. Minimize disturbance to existing vegetation whenever possible.
- ✓ If you disturb a slope during construction, prevent erosion by securing the soil with erosion control fabric, seed with fast-growing grasses or other appropriate erosion control measures.
- ✓ If you suspect contamination (from site history, discoloration, odor, texture, abandoned underground tanks or pipes, or buried debris), call the local agency.



Paving/asphalt work

- ✓ Do not pave during wet weather or when rain is forecast.
- ✓ Always cover storm drain inlets and manholes when paving or applying seal coat, tack coat, slurry seal, or fog seal.
- ✓ Place drip pans or absorbent material under paving equipment when not in use.
- ✓ Protect gutters, ditches, and drainage courses with straw bales, sand bags, or earthen berms.
- ✓ Do not sweep or wash down excess sand from sand sealing into gutters, storm drains, or creeks. Collect sand and return it to the stockpile, or dispose of it as trash.
- ✓ Do not use water to wash down fresh asphalt or concrete pavement.



Storm drain polluters may be liable for fines of up to \$10,000 per day plus \$10 per gallon!

Local Agencies: Antioch (925) 779-7033; Brentwood (925) 516-6420; Clayton (925) 673-7300; Concord (925) 671-3127; Danville (925) 314-3300; El Cerrito (510) 215-4888; Hercules (510) 798-8642; Lafayette (925) 284-1951; Martinez (925) 372-3515; Moraga (925) 376-2590; Oakley (925) 625-7003; Orinda (925) 253-4231; Pinole (510) 724-8948; Pittsburg (925) 252-4920; Pleasant Hill (925) 671-5264; Richmond (510) 307-8091; San Pablo (510) 215-3086; San Ramon (925) 973-2616; Walnut Creek (925) 943-5834; Contra Costa County (925) 313-2259; Contra Costa Clean Water Program (925) 313-2392