

Healthy Creeks Start with Clean Streets

WHY BE CONCERNED?

Wash water may contain:

- Soaps and dirt
- Oil and grease
- Toxic chemicals
- Heavy metals

It's illegal to let anything other than rainwater go down a storm drain.

When it rains, everything that enters a storm drain goes to our local creeks, the Bay, and the Delta untreated. That's why only rain should go down the drain.

It is the responsibility of the business owner to train staff on proper spill and clean-up procedures and stormwater BMPs. Failure to comply with this request may result in the issuance of an administrative citation or fines that accrue daily. Learn more about this at www.cccleanwater.org.



Helpful Resources



Visit basmaa.org to learn how to become a Certified Pollution Prevention Surface Cleaner

Learn more about best management practices for your business at cccleanwater.org.

Questions?

**Central Contra
Costa Sanitary
District**

925-228-9500

**Crockett/Valona
Sanitary District**

510-787-2992

**Delta-Diablo
Sanitation District**

925-756-1900

**Discovery Bay
Community
Services District**

925-634-1131

**Dublin-San Ramon
Services District**

925-828-0515

**Ironhouse
Sanitary District**

925-625-2279

**Mt. View Sanitary
District**

925-228-5635

**Rodeo Sanitary
District**

510-799-2970

Steger Sanitary District

510-524-4668

**West County
Wastewater District**

510-222-6700

**Contra Costa Clean
Water Program:**

925-313-2360

If you have questions about the BMPs for surface cleaning, illegal dumping and/or stormwater pollution, visit the Contra Costa Clean Water Program website for more information.



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BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR MOBILE CLEANERS & BUSINESSES

ONLY RAIN DOWN THE DRAIN



- Vehicle Washers
- Automobile Detailing
- Steam Cleaners
- Mobile Pet Groomers
- Window Washers
- Power Washers
- Food Vendors



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BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMPs) FOR WASH WATER DISPOSAL



Only rain down the drain! Cleaning products labelled “non-toxic” and “biodegradable” still harm wildlife.

Plan Ahead

- ☐ 1. Become a BASMAA-recognized surface cleaner to learn how to dispose of wash water properly; Visit www.basmaa.org “Surface Cleaner Program”
- ☐ 2. Walk the area to identify storm drains
- ☐ 3. Have proper water collection and storm drain blocking equipment on hand
- ☐ 4. Train employees on BMPs and the proper use of equipment at the job site

Prepare the Job Site

- ☐ 5. Block off storm drains
- ☐ 6. Regularly sweep area to remove debris and sediment
- ☐ 7. Contain the wash area so that water does not flow into the street, gutter, or storm drain (use sandbags, mats, or berms)
- ☐ 8. Minimize water usage; collect contained wash water and dispose of it properly

Dispose of Wash Water Properly

- ☐ 9. Wash water can be discharged to indoor floor drains, utility mop sinks, toilets or sanitary sewer cleanouts; these drains connect to the sanitary sewer
- ☐ 10. Disposal to the sanitary sewer must meet the sanitary districts discharge requirements and not contain hazardous materials (see contact list on back)
- ☐ 11. Use a pump and flexible hosing to discharge wash water to an indoor sanitary sewer drain
- ☐ 12. While hosing, direct soap-free water into the landscaping. If water starts to pool on gravel surfaces this must be contained and collected

- ☒ Don't dump wash water into storm drain.
- ☒ Don't hose off the pavement into a storm drain.
- ☒ Don't discharge wash water where it can be carried to the storm drain by rainwater.

