

PAINTING INDUSTRY

Stormwater Best Management Practices



ONLY RAIN BELONGS DOWN THE DRAIN!

Protect Our
Waterways and Help
Prevent Painting
Industry Waste From
Entering Storm Drains.



Storm drainage systems are designed to prevent flooding by collecting stormwater when it rains. This stormwater flows over surfaces, picks up pollutants, and eventually discharges into lakes, streams, and rivers. Unfortunately, there is no treatment process in the storm drain system to filter out pollutants before they reach downstream waters.

Products used in the painting industry including paints, solvents and adhesives contain chemicals that are harmful to humans and aquatic life. Improper disposal and handling of these products could result in contamination of our waterways, affecting our drinking water, recreation and aquatic life. It is important to understand how the painting industry can help keep our waterways clean by following Best Management Practices (BMPs) described in this flyer.

The quality of our waters depends on your actions. We can work together to protect our local water quality and comply with local, regional, and state regulations!

**Report Spills or Stormwater Pollution to the city's
Stormwater Administrator at 704-824-3518**

For more information, visit:

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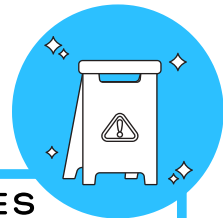
CLEANING AND DISPOSAL

- Never clean brushes or paint equipment outside where it can get into a street, gutter or storm drain.
- Paint chips and dust from non-hazardous dry stripping and sand blasting should be swept up and disposed of in the trash.
- When stripping or cleaning building exteriors with high pressure water, block storm drains and collect water for treatment or proper disposal.



PREVENTATIVE MEASURES

- To prevent spills, keep all paint products tightly sealed. Properly store products in containers so that they are not exposed to rain.
- Properly dispose of surface chips, blastings, and other materials.
- Cover and seal nearby storm drain inlets with waterproof material, mesh, or other runoff control devices while work is in progress.
- Always follow labels for proper use and disposal.



EMPLOYEE TRAINING

- Make sure employees understand and are aware of these BMPs.
- Post BMPs where employees and customers can see them.
- Ensure that employees are familiar with the site's spill control plan and/or proper spill cleanup procedures.
- Train employees with the proper tools and knowledge to immediately begin cleaning up a spill.



GOOD HOUSEKEEPING

- Recycle paint, paint thinner, solvents, and other recyclable materials whenever possible.
- Utilize dry cleaning methods as much as possible (e.g. sweeping). If washing is unavoidable, collect wash water for treatment and/or proper disposal.
- Use least toxic products whenever possible.



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