North Bay Area Pollution Prevention Agencies

Alameda County
Stormwater
Alameda Countywide Clean Water Program
(510) 670-5543

Wastewater Treatment
City of Hayward
(510) 881-7969
City of Livermore
(510) 373-5230
City of San Leandro
(510) 577-3434
Dublin San Ramon Services District
(510) 846-4565
East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD)
(510) 287-1651
Oro Loma Sanitary District
(510) 276-4700
Union Sanitary District
(510) 790-0100

Contra Costa County
Stormwater
Contra Costa Clean Water Program
(510) 313-2364

Wastewater Treatment
Central Contra Costa Sanitary District
(510) 229-7288

Marin County
Stormwater
Marin County Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program
(415) 485-3363

Wastewater Treatment
Central Marin Sanitation Agency
(415) 459-1455
Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District
(415) 472-1734
Marin County Sanitary District #5
(415) 435-1501

Novato Sanitary District
(415) 892-1694
Sausalito-Marin City Sanitary District
(415) 332-0244

Napa County
Wastewater Treatment
City of Calistoga
(707) 942-2828
City of St. Helena
(707) 963-2741
Napa Sanitation District
(707) 258-6024
Town of Yountville
(707) 944-2988

San Francisco County
Wastewater and Wastewater Treatment
Department of Public Works, BERM
(415) 695-7310

Sonoma County
Wastewater Treatment
City of Petaluma
(707) 762-5892
Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District
(707) 938-4052

Solano County
Stormwater
Fairfield-Suisun Urban Runoff Management Program
(707) 429-8930
Vallejo Sanitation and Flood Control District
(707) 644-8949, ext. 281

Wastewater Treatment
City of Benicia
(707) 746-1098
Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District
(707) 429-8930
Vallejo Sanitation and Flood Control District
(707) 644-8949, ext. 281

Outdoor Cleaning

Where does the water go?

Guidelines for disposal of washwater from outdoor cleaning projects

- Sidewalk/plaza/parking lot cleaning
- Vehicle cleaning/detailing
- Building exterior cleaning
- Waterproofing
- Equipment cleaning/degreasing

Help Protect our Creeks, Bay, Coast, and Delta!
Almost everywhere in the Bay Area, water in gutters and storm drains flows directly to local creeks or the Bay—with no wastewater treatment. Washwater used in outdoor cleaning projects often carries dirt and other harmful pollutants that clog storm drains, damage sensitive habitats in local creeks, and finally end up polluting the Bay, Delta, or coast.

Soaps, degreasers, automotive fluids, litter, and a host of other materials washed off buildings, sidewalks, plazas, parking areas, vehicles, and equipment all harm wildlife and pollute Bay Area waters. In fact, allowing any kind of polluting substance into a storm drain is against the law!

**Use these guidelines when cleaning outdoors or disposing of washwater!**

**Onto landscaping or unpaved surface?**

**YES!** Dispose of **small amounts** of washwater from cleaning building exteriors, sidewalks, or plazas onto landscaping or unpaved surface if you have the owner's permission and the discharge will not cause flooding or nuisance problems, or flow to a creek.

**NO!** Be sure **large amounts** of these types of washwater are not discharged onto landscaping or soil where water may run to a street or storm drain. Wastewater from exterior cleaning may be pumped to a sewer line with specific permission from the local wastewater treatment plant.

**Down a sink or toilet—through the sewer to a wastewater treatment plant?**

**YES!** Water from **many outdoor cleaning activities** may be acceptable to the local wastewater treatment plant. See the list on the back of this flyer for phone numbers of treatment plants in your area.

**NO!** **Hazardous wastes** should never be poured down the sewer, and must be disposed of properly. When in doubt, call the local wastewater treatment agency! They will be able to tell you what kinds of wastes they cannot accept.

**To the street or storm drain?**

**YES!** Water (with no soap) used to remove dust from clean vehicles may be discharged to a street or storm drain.

**✓ Washwater from sidewalk, plaza, and building surface cleaning** may go into a street or storm drain if ALL of these conditions are met:

1. You have used **dry** cleanup methods (sweeping, and cleaning any oil or chemical spills with rags or other absorbent materials) before using water.
2. The surfaces being cleaned were all free of fresh oil stains, debris, and similar pollutants.
3. Cleaning is done with **water only**—no soap or other cleaning materials.
4. You have not used the water to remove paint from surfaces during cleaning.

**NO!** Sending water that contains **soap or any other type of pollution** to a storm drain or water body violates state and/or local regulations. Because **wastewater from cleaning parking areas or roadways** normally contains metallic brake pad dust, oil, and other automotive fluids, it should never be discharged to a street, gutter, or storm drain.