

South 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

San Francisco County

Stormwater and Wastewater Treatment

Department of Public Works, BERM
(415) 695-7310

San Mateo County

Stormwater

San Mateo Countywide Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program
(415) 363-4708

Wastewater Treatment

City of Burlingame
(415) 342-3727

City of Millbrae
(415) 259-2388

City of Pacifica
(415) 738-7348

City of San Mateo
(415) 377-4694

City of South San Francisco
(415) 877-5979

North San Mateo County Sanitation District
(415) 991-8200

Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside
(415) 726-0124

South county covered by South Bayside System Authority
(415) 594-8411, ext. 141

Santa Clara County

Stormwater

Santa Clara Valley Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program
(800) 794-2482

Wastewater Treatment

City of Sunnyvale
Water Pollution Control Plant
(408) 730-7260

Palo Alto Regional
Water Quality Control Plant
(415) 329-2598

San Jose/Santa Clara
Water Pollution Control Plant
(408) 945-5307

Outdoor Cleaning

Where does the water go?

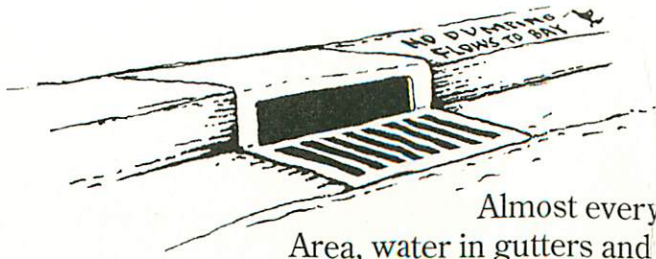


Guidelines for disposal of washwater from outdoor cleaning projects

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

Help Protect our Creeks, Bay, and Coast!

Where should the water go?



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.

