

## Spill Response

### Non-Emergency Calls:

Solano County Department of  
Resource Management  
(707) 784-6765

Fairfield Police Department  
(707) 428-7300

Suisun City Police Department  
(707) 421-7373

Fairfield-Suisun Urban Runoff  
Management Program  
(707) 429-8930

### Emergency Calls Only:

Dial 911

### Other Useful Numbers:

San Francisco Bay Regional Water  
Quality Control Board  
(510) 622-2300

Fairfield Public Works Department  
(707) 428-7485

Suisun City Public Works Department  
(707) 421-7340

CA Department of Fish & Game  
(707) 944-5512

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This brochure is one of a series of  
pamphlets describing storm drain pro-  
tection measures for specific types of  
construction industry activities. Other  
pamphlets include:

- **General Construction and Site Supervision**
- **Landscaping, Gardening, and Pool Maintenance**
- **Painting and Application of Solvents and Adhesives**
- **Fresh Concrete and Mortar Application**
- **Roadwork and Paving**
- **Earth-Moving Activities**
- **Heavy Equipment Operation**

For more information about the storm  
drain protection program and additional  
brochures, call:



Fairfield-Suisun URMP  
1010 Chadbourne Road  
Fairfield, CA 94534-9700  
(707) 429-8930  
[www.fssd.com](http://www.fssd.com)

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## Stormwater Pollution Prevention for

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# PAINTING AND APPLICATION

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Solvents  
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Adhesives



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Best Management  
Practices for the  
Construction Industry

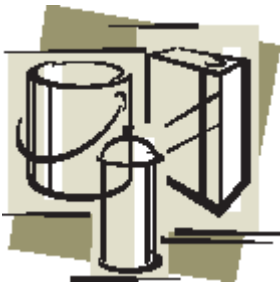
## Storm Drain Pollution Prevention It's Up To Us

In the Fairfield-Suisun area, storm drains flow directly to the Suisun Marsh, San Francisco Bay, and onto the Pacific Ocean with **no treatment**. Stormwater pollution is a serious problem for wildlife dependent on our waterways and for the people who live near streams or wetlands. Some common sources of this pollution include spilled oil, fuel, and fluids from vehicles and heavy equipment; landscaping runoff containing pesticides or weed killers; and materials such as used motor oil, antifreeze, and paint products that people pour or spill into a street or storm drain.

The Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District and the Cities of Fairfield and Suisun City have joined together to inform local residents and businesses about how to fight storm drain pollution. Help us by using the practices described in this brochure.

### Who Should Use This Brochure?

- Painters
- Paperhangers
- Plasterers
- Graphic artists
- Dry wall crews
- Floor covering installers
- General contractors
- Home builders
- Developers



## Storm Drain Pollution from Paints, Solvents, and Adhesives

All paints, solvents, and adhesives contain chemicals that are harmful to wildlife in the Suisun Marsh, San Francisco Bay, and the Pacific Ocean. Toxic chemicals may come from liquid or solid products or from cleaning residues or rags. It is especially important not to clean brushes in an area where paint residue can flow to a gutter, street, or storm drain.

### What Can You Do?

#### *Handling Paint Products:*

- Keep all liquid paint products and wastes away from the gutter, street, and storm drains. Liquid residues from paints, thinners, solvents, glues, and cleaning fluids are hazardous wastes and must be disposed of at a hazardous waste collection facility.

#### *Paint Cleanup:*

- Never clean brushes or rinse paint containers into a street, gutter, storm drain, or stream.
- For water-based paints, paint out brushes to the maximum extent possible and rinse to the sanitary sewer. Never pour paint down a drain.
- For oil-based paints, paint out brushes to the maximum extent possible and clean with thinner or solvent in a proper container. Filter or reuse thinners and solvents. Dispose of excess liquids and residue as hazardous waste.

#### *Paint removal:*

- Paint chips and dust from nonhazardous dry stripping and sand blasting may be swept up or collected in plastic drip cloths and disposed of as trash.
- Chemical paint stripping residue and chips and dust from marine paints or paints containing lead or tributyl tin must be disposed of as hazardous wastes.
- When stripping or cleaning building exteriors with high-pressure water, block storm drains. Wash water onto a dirt area and spade into soil. Or, check with the local wastewater treatment authority to find out if you can collect (mop or vacuum) building cleaning water and dispose to the sanitary sewer. Sampling of the water may be required to assist the wastewater treatment authority in making its decision.
- Recycle or dispose of excess water-based paint at a household hazardous waste collection facility or use up. When they are thoroughly dry, empty paint cans, used brushes, rags, and drip cloths may be disposed of as garbage in a sanitary landfill.
- Reuse leftover oil-based paint. Dispose of excess liquid, including sludges, as hazardous waste.
- Small quantity generator should check with the Solano County Environmental Management regarding recycling or hazardous waste disposal.
- Unopened cans of paint may be able to be returned to the paint vendor. Check with the vendor regarding its "buy-back" policy.

**Recycle/reuse leftover paints whenever possible!**