

Why can't wash water go down the storm drain?

Clean and healthy creeks, rivers, lakes and sloughs are important to Vallejo. However, many common activities can lead to water pollution if you're not careful. Materials and excess concrete or mortar can be blown or washed into the storm drains that flow to the river and Bay. Unlike water in sanitary sewers (from sinks and toilets), water in storm drains is not treated before entering our waterways. You would never throw building materials into the ocean, so don't let them enter the storm drains. Follow these easy tips to help prevent water pollution.



*Vallejo Flood &
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For more information, please call the Vallejo
Sanitation & Flood
Control District Stormwater Program at
(707) 644-8949 ext. 260

To report a spill, call the
24-Hour Hotline at
(707) 644-8949

For emergencies, dial **911**.



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Never allow materials or wash water to enter the street or storm drain.

Before the Project

- Schedule projects for dry weather.
- Store materials under cover, with temporary roofs or plastic sheets to eliminate or reduce the possibility that the materials can be carried from the project site to streets, storm drains or adjacent properties via rainfall, runoff, or wind.
- Protect nearby storm drains.

Transporting Materials

- When driving or towing a concrete mixer, stop and start your vehicle as smoothly as possible to prevent wet concrete from spilling onto roads.
- Do not overfill cement mixer.

During the Project

- Set up and operate small mixers on tarps or heavy drop cloths.
- Do not mix more fresh concrete than is needed for the job.
- When breaking up pavement, pick up all chunks and pieces and recycle them at a local construction and demolition recycling company.
- When making saw cuts in pavement, protect nearby storm drain inlets during the saw-cutting operation and contain the slurry. Collect the slurry residue from the pavement or gutter and remove from the site.

Clean-Up

- Dispose of small amounts of dry concrete, grout or mortar in the trash.
- Never hose materials from exposed aggregate concrete, asphalt or similar treatments into a street, gutter, parking lot, or storm drain.
- Wash concrete mixers and equipment in designated washout areas where the water can flow into a containment area or onto dirt. Small amounts of dried material can be disposed of in the trash. Large amounts should be recycled at a local construction and demolition recycling company.
- Recycle cement wash water by pumping it back into cement mixers for reuse.

Spills

- Never hose down pavement or impermeable surfaces where fluids have spilled. Use an absorbent material such as cat litter to soak up a spill, then sweep and dispose in the trash.
- Clean spills on dirt areas by digging up and disposing of dry soil in trash.
- Immediately report significant spills to the District at 707-644-8949.



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