

Did you know?

Water entering the Vallejo storm drain system flows untreated to local creeks, rivers, lakes and the San Francisco Bay.

Rain and irrigation water are the most significant sources of water pollution to the Bay.

Putting trash or pouring waste into a storm drain has an immediate and severe impact on our environment.

One pint of oil can cause an oil slick about the size of two football fields.

About 1 million gallons of water can be contaminated by just one gallon of motor oil.

You can make a difference by doing your fair share to prevent stormwater pollution.

Report illegal dumping

Dumping oil, trash and debris into the storm drains and gutters causes pollution. Please help us protect the Bay by reporting illegal dumping. Call 707.644.8949 ext. 1600.

To report illegal dumping or find out more about preventing water pollution, call

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You Can Make A Difference



*Helpful hints on how you
can help protect our Bay
and waterways.*



The Facts About Stormwater Pollution

Vallejo has two drainage systems: one for wastewater (sewer) and the other for stormwater (rain). The storm drain system was designed to prevent flooding by carrying excess rainwater away from city streets out to local creeks, rivers and the San Francisco Bay. Stormwater does not receive any type of treatment before it enters the Bay.

When it rains, trash and other pollutants are washed directly into the storm drain system. Even when it doesn't rain, dirty water from washing cars and lawn irrigation runoff carries pesticides and fertilizers through the storm drain system into Bay.

When you include all the fast food wrappers, cigarette butts, Styrofoam cups, used motor oil and pet droppings, pollution from storm drains become a critical problem.

The Effects of Stormwater Pollution

Stormwater pollution is the leading cause of water quality problems. Pollutants found in stormwater have harmful effects on drinking water, recreation, fisheries, and wildlife.

The largest source of stormwater pollution in Vallejo is the general public. Each of us contribute to the problem without realizing it. Since we all rely on clean water, preventing stormwater pollution is everyone's responsibility.

What You Can Do To Help

Many of our daily activities contribute to stormwater pollution. We can all do our fair share to keep our Bay and local waterways free from pollution by following these tips:

Inside your House

- Use less toxic or non-toxic cleaning products whenever possible.
- Buy household chemicals only in the amount you expect to use, and apply them only as directed.
- Take unwanted household chemicals to the Vallejo-Napa Household Hazardous Waste facility 889 Devlin Road (off Highway 29 in American Canyon).
- Visit www.Recycle-Guide.com for more information on where to recycle all kinds of items.

In your Yard

- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly.
- Landscape with plants that discourage pests and have low requirements for water, fertilizers and pesticides. Visit www.OurWaterOurWorld for less toxic solutions to common house and garden pests.
- Minimize high maintenance grassy areas. Preserve existing landscape to prevent erosion.
- Compost and mulch yard trimmings to make a valuable soil conditioner and retain moisture.
- Use a commercial car wash instead of your driveway; that wastewater is treated.
- If you wash your car at home, use a control nozzle on your hose to stop flow when you don't need it, and empty your bucket into a sink, not the storm drain.
- Keep your car free from leaks and recycle your used motor oil and antifreeze.
- Don't use a hose to clean driveways and other paved surfaces. Use a broom instead.
- Pick up pet waste regularly and put droppings into your regular garbage can.

