



from the street to the creek Business Done Right

Nurseries use and sell many types of products that can contain pollutants. If spilled or disposed of improperly these contaminants can pollute our local creeks.

The most important thing to know about sewers and storm drains is that they are two different systems. When water flows off your property, it flows directly into the storm water drainage system. The storm water drainage system consists of street gutters, inlets, catch basins, and ditches. Many people believe that storm water gets “cleaned” but it does not. Rather, it flows directly into our creeks, rivers, lakes, and the ocean without any treatment at all. Only the water that goes down a sink, toilet, or another inside drain flows to the wastewater treatment plant. Toxic material cannot be discharged to either system.

As a valued member of the local business community, we know that you are invested in protecting the quality of life that your customers, members of the community, and visitors enjoy.

Keep Your Property Clean

- Check and clean your property regularly.
- Sweep up all debris, including cleaning your parking lot, and never wash it down the storm drain.
- Label storm drain inlets with “No Dumping, Drains to Creek” decals.
- Clean up wet or oily spots with rags and absorbent.
- Pour the mop wash water into an inside drain only.
- Never let power washing or steam cleaning water go to the storm drain. It must be collected and disposed of into a sewer drain.
- Sweep the trash areas daily. Never use a hose in your dumpster or on the pavement.
- Replace damaged dumpsters by calling your local garbage company.

- Keep dumpster lids closed to keep rain out and debris in.
- Store materials inside or under a cover, so rain and wind don’t carry them to the storm drain.

Operating Your Business

- Load and unload on a designated paved surface so spilled material can be contained and quickly swept up.
- Reject leaking or damaged bags or containers from suppliers.
- Avoid loading or unloading during wet weather.
- Clean spills immediately and dispose of material properly, don’t let it get into the drains.
- Maintain equipment you own and rent regularly to prevent leaks.
- Perform equipment maintenance in a concrete area with a roof.
- If you clean equipment, all wash water must go to the sewer through an oil/water filter.
- Keep products like fertilizer and landscape materials out of the rain and wind.
- Use temporary roofs, plastic sheets, or store materials inside.

Watering Plants

- Water plants, not the ground; prevent over watering.
- Use a hose equipped with a hose-end shutoff nozzle or valve.
- Minimize the use of fertilizers and pesticides. Apply directly on the soil or in the pot.
- Water at night.
- Check irrigation systems regularly for leaks and overspray.
- Reset irrigation controllers as the seasons change the amount of water needed.

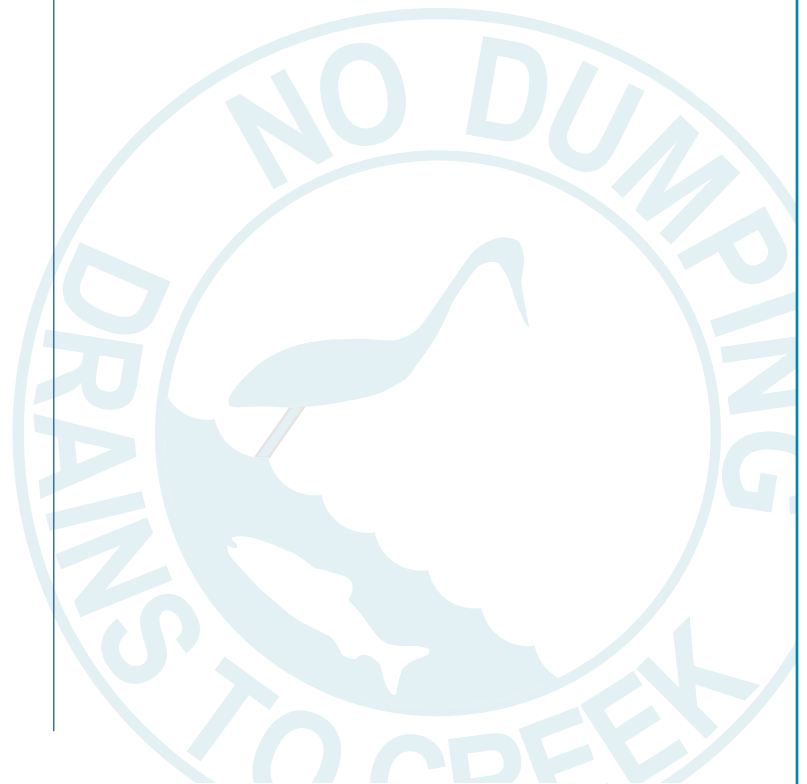
Are You Ready to Respond to a Spill?

- Have a written plan.
- Train your employees on procedures and equipment use.
- Have your plan and spill cleanup equipment accessible.
- Know how to handle hazardous materials.
- Report hazardous spills at (707) 528-5151 or 911.

Santa Rosa Contact Information

- To report a spill call (707) 543-3800.
- To report a hazardous material spill, such as oil or gasoline products call 911 or (707) 528-5151.
- To get information of proper disposal of materials call (707) 565-DESK (3375), or go to www.recyclenow.org.
- To get information regarding dumpster and waste hauling call (707) 568-1478.
- For help implementing these measure or if you have questions about storm water, call (707) 543-4200.

Releasing pollutants directly into the storm drain system or a waterway violates the City of Santa Rosa's Storm Water and Sanitary Sewer Use Ordinances.



Contact information for businesses outside of Santa Rosa:



City of Cloverdale

Public Works Department

<http://www.cloverdale.net/index.aspx?nid=254>

(707) 894-1792



City of Cotati

Public Works/Engineering Department

<http://www.ci.cotati.ca.us/sections/departments/pw-storm-water.cfm>

During Business Hours: (707)665-3637

After Hours: (707)792-4611

Businesses in Cotati seeking to apply for a wastewater discharge permit should contact the City of Santa Rosa Environmental Compliance Section at 707-543-3369.



City of Fort Bragg

<http://www.co.mendocino.ca.us/planning/stormwater.htm>

(707) 964-5379



City of Healdsburg

Public Works Department

<http://www.ci.healdsburg.ca.us/index.aspx?page=192>

(707) 431-3346



City of Rohnert Park

Public Works Department – Public Safety Dispatch

<http://www.rpcity.org/index.aspx?page=357>

(707) 588-3300

Businesses in Rohnert Park seeking to apply for a wastewater discharge permit should contact the City of Santa Rosa Environmental Compliance Section at 707-543-3369.



City of Sebastopol

Public Works Department for reporting issues

Engineering Department for questions

<http://ci.sebastopol.ca.us/page/water-wastewater-storm-water>

During Business Hours: (707) 823-5331

After Hours: (707) 829-4400

Businesses in Sebastopol seeking to apply for a wastewater discharge permit should contact the City of Santa Rosa Environmental Compliance Section at 707-543-3369.



City of Ukiah

Public Works Department

<http://www.cityofukiah.com/?p=173>

(707) 463-6296



Mendocino County

<http://www.co.mendocino.ca.us/planning/stormwater.htm>



Sonoma County

PRMD Engineering

<http://www.sonoma-county.org/prmd/sw/sw-contact.htm>

<http://www.sonoma-county.org/prmd/sw/sw-spill.htm>

During Business Hours: (707) 565-2502

After Hours: (707) 573-1365 (REDCOM)



Sonoma County Water Agency

Public Works Department – Engineering Division

<http://www.scwa.ca.gov/storm-water/>

During Business Hours: (707) 521-1865



Town of Windsor

<http://www.ci.windsor.ca.us/index.aspx?nid=232>

(707) 838-5340