

CLEAN SITE® *Building a better environment*

Hints for home renovators & DIY builders

Did you know that...stormwater isn't treated before it flows into our local rivers, creeks and beaches?

So waste and liquids such as paints, etc from poor building and renovating practices can cause pollution, end up in our waterways, harm the environment and ruin places we enjoy.

When you're building or renovating, help build a better environment. Builders, contractors or DIY tradespeople all have the responsibility to do the right thing.

Use these tips on your next project and keep our gutters, roads, creeks and beaches pollution free:

- **Vehicles delivering materials**

Always clean up any soil or mud that is deposited on the roadway from vehicles delivering materials. Save water - use a broom or shovel, instead of a hose.

- **Litter and waste**

Place all waste into a bin to prevent it from blowing into the stormwater system. Recycle materials where possible through a licensed recycling company.

- **Stockpiles**

Soil or sand should be placed away from gutters and covered at the end of each day if rain or wind is likely.

- **Concrete mixing**

All mixing of cement or concrete should be carried out in an area that can contain all excess water, residues and waste to prevent it from entering the stormwater system.

- **Brick works, cutting & paving**

Mortar must not be mixed in gutters or any other location that will drain into the stormwater system. All wastewater generated from brick cutting must also be prevented from entering the stormwater system.

- **Painting**

All paint waste and wash waters should be diverted into a contained area lined with newspaper and when dry placed in a bin. Oil-based clean up material such as turps should be filtered for reuse or taken to a licensed waste depot.

- **Plastering**

All residues and wastes from plastering should be allowed to dry within a contained area on site. Some solid wastes, such as plasterboard is excellent for clay soils and can be used as a modifier in your garden.

WARNING: ON THE SPOT FINES CAN OCCUR

Need any further information?

For further information please contact KESAB on 8234 7255,
the Environment Protection Authority on 8204 9403, or your local council.