

# Painting Practices Guidelines

## Protecting Stormwater

## Conveyances & Waterways



Throughout Carrboro and Orange Co, storm drains flow directly into our creeks and lakes. That means anything dumped down a storm drain goes directly to our creeks and lakes and can negatively impact water quality. Prevent or reduce the discharge of pollutants from your project by using measures to prevent runoff pollution and protect stormwater conveyances and waterways.

- Protect or cover storm drains when pressure washing a structure to remove paint.
- Spread a tarp to capture paint chips when removing old paint.
- Chips and dust from paint containing lead is hazardous waste (most paint prior to 1978 contains lead). Follow safe work practices when working with lead paint. Sweep up waste and dispose of as hazardous waste.
- Never clean brushes or rinse equipment any place where the wastewater may run into a street, storm drain or stream.
- For water-based (latex) paint, rinse and dispose of wastewater to the sanitary sewer.
- For oil-based paint, use paint thinner for cleaning.
- Discharge wastewater from water-based (latex) painting activities only into a drain connected to the sanitary sewer system.
- Wastewater from oil-based painting activities is hazardous waste and cannot be disposed of into the sanitary sewer.
- Do not lift a sewer manhole to discharge wastewater - it is illegal to do so.
- Check with OWASA about other requirements for discharge to the sanitary sewer. Call (919) 537-4343.
- Carry spill response materials on business vehicles in case a spill occurs.
- Do not hose down outside spills.
- Report spills and leaks that enter the storm drain system to 919-913-2999 or 911.
- Train all employees and post information on Best Management Practices.
- Report illegal dumping by calling 919-913-2999 or 911.

**Town staff will inspect projects to ensure that measures are being implemented. Discharges to the stormwater conveyance or waterways is considered an illicit discharge and is subject to enforcement. (Article 4 Section 5)**



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