

Stone and Tile Cutting

Stone and Tile Cutters produce waste materials that can damage the sanitary sewer system or pollute our local creeks. Poor housekeeping practices in parking areas, around trash bins, and during equipment maintenance can cause contaminants to pollute our local creeks and sewer system causing harm to the public and the environment.

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.

Cutting Waste

- Perform no outside cutting or fabricating activities to prevent the escape of dust and sediment that can run off into the storm drain system.
- Prevent the buildup of dust and sediment indoors so that it will not be tracked, blown, or otherwise carried into outdoor areas.
- Never hose down or wash any sediment or dust off of paved areas.
- Sweep or vacuum up sediment, dust, and other pollutants in outdoor areas to minimize storm water contamination.

Wastewater Management

- Obtain a General Wastewater Discharge Permit with the Environmental Compliance Section at www.srcity.org/generalapp.
- Never dispose of wastewater from the stone cutting process into storm drains or onto the ground.
- Recycle all stone cutting wastewater without any discharge to the City sanitary sewer system. Wastewater generated from the washing of equipment and tools must also be recycled.
- Maintain pre-treatment equipment, pumps, and hoses in good working condition.
- Do not wash down stone cutting areas where discharge to the storm drain or sewer will occur. Use dry cleanup methods such as sweeping or direct wastewater to your recycling system.
- If you have a wastewater pre-treatment system that involves sediment settling, regularly clean out settling tanks and properly store the waste where it won't discharge into the storm drain system.

Keep Your Property Clean

- Check and clean your property regularly.
- Sweep up all debris, including any debris from your parking lot, and never wash it down the storm drain.
- Clean up wet or oily spots with rags and absorbents.
- Never let power washing or steam cleaning water enter the storm drain. It must be collected and disposed of into a sewer drain.
- Routinely sweep the trash areas. Never use a hose in your dumpster or on the pavement.
- Replace damaged or leaking dumpsters by calling your garbage company.
- Keep dumpster lids closed to keep rain out and debris in.
- Load and unload on a designated paved surface so spilled

material can be contained and quickly swept up.

- Maintain equipment you own and rent regularly to prevent leaks.
- Label storm drain inlets with “No Dumping, Drains to Creek” decals. Contact Storm Water and Creeks at (707) 543-4200 for more information.

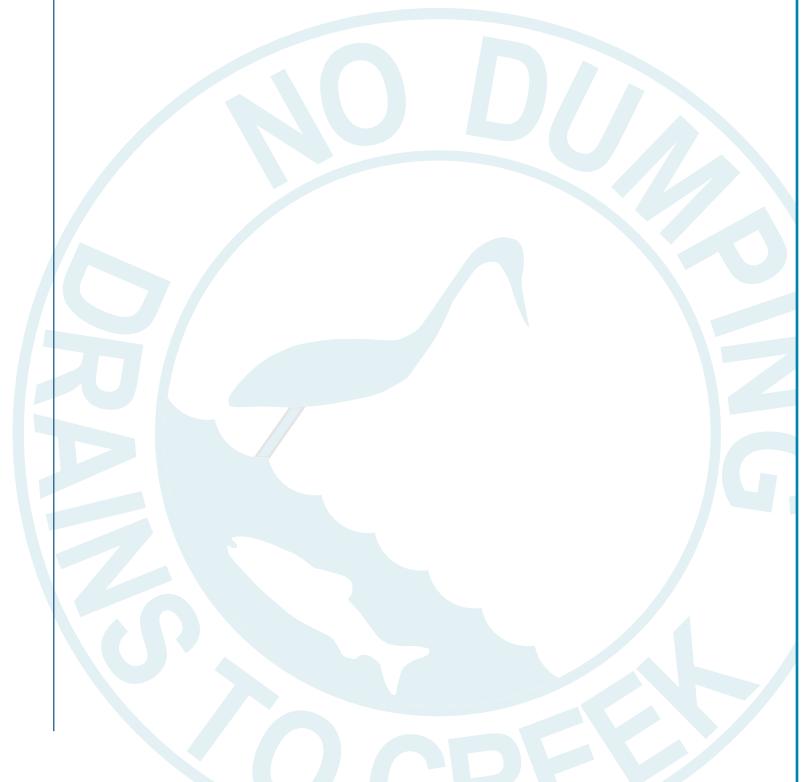
Are You Ready to Respond to a Spill?

- Have a written plan.
- Train all your employees on procedures and equipment use at the facility, correct waste disposal, spill cleanup, and proper agency notification.
- Have your plan and spill cleanup equipment accessible.
- Know how to handle hazardous materials.

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.
- For questions about storage or handling of hazardous materials call the Fire Department at (707) 543-4108.
- To get information on proper disposal of materials call (707) 565-DESK (3375), or go to www.recyclenow.org.
- To get information on toxics disposal specifically call (707) 795-2025.
- To get information regarding dumpsters contact your garbage company at (707) 568-1478.
- For help implementing these measures or if you have questions about storm water call (707) 543-4200.
- For more information about obtaining a Wastewater Discharge Permit call the Environmental Compliance Section at (707) 543-3369 or visit www.srcity.org/envcompliance.

Releasing pollutants 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