

> mud on roads: vehicles driving onto the building site and then carrying mud from their tyres onto roads.



> deliveries and storage of sand, soil, and screenings in places where they are washed into the stormwater system by rain.



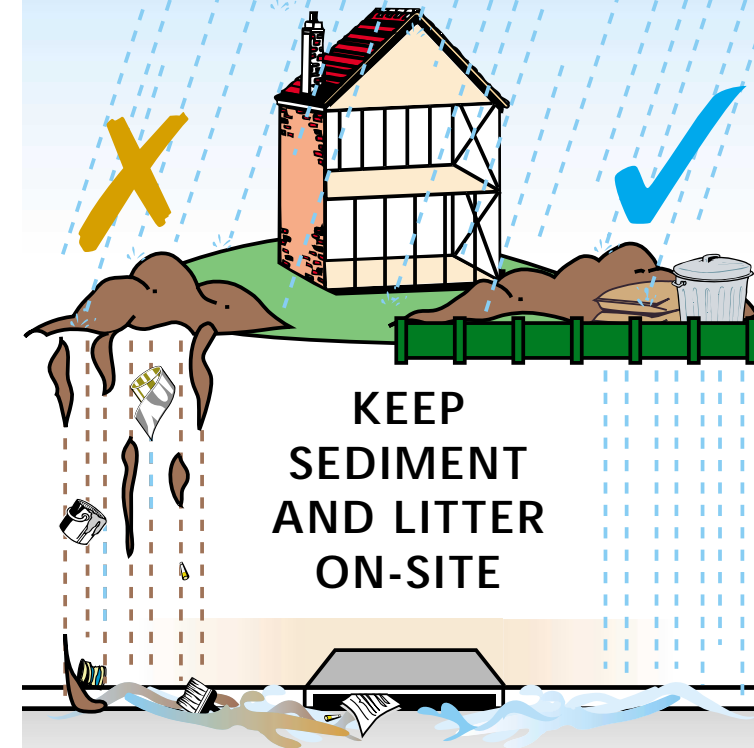
> concrete washings, paint, thinners (chemicals): washing equipment in gutters which lead to the stormwater system and creeks.

For further information contact your local council:



PROTECTING STORMWATER QUALITY

FROM BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES



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Building and construction site practices are consistently being identified as significant sources of stormwater pollution in council stormwater management plans.

Soil, sand, rubbish and other building materials can be washed by rain, blown by wind, or carried off site on vehicle tyres. These materials get washed down street gutters into drains and end up:

- > polluting our creeks, rivers, beaches and bays.
- > destroying the habitats of fish and aquatic plants.
- > 'silting up' streams and blocking stormwater pipes, causing flooding.
- > making roads and footpaths slippery and dangerous, for pedestrians as well as vehicles.

There are State laws and council laws to try to reduce these problems. These laws mean that it is an offence to:

- > not place litter in a bin;
- > discharge paint, plaster or concrete washings to the stormwater system;

- > allow sediment and brick, tile or concrete dust or slurry to be washed off you building site;
- > deposit mud from vehicle tyres on the road;
- > deposit or store construction materials on roads, nature strips and footpaths without a permit.



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IT'S THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DEVELOPERS AND MANAGERS OF BUILDING SITES TO MAKE SURE THEY DON'T POLLUTE WATERWAYS.

Improved stormwater management practices also have flow on benefits to homeowners, builders and the industry that include:

- > reduced stockpile losses,
- > reduced clean up costs,
- > better wet weather conditions,
- > reduced downtime,
- > improved site safety,
- > fewer public complaints,
- > a better image,
- > reduced risk of fines,

WHAT WE



WANT TO STOP

Activities that we want to stop because they cause stormwater pollution and therefore could result in you being fined include:

- > unsecured litter, rubbish and waste on site: bins or skips not being used to stop litter being blown across and off the site.
- > sediment discharge: water running off the site carrying soil into the gutters and the stormwater system.

