

# Home Repair & Remodeling

## Stormwater Best Management Practices



Paints, solvents, adhesives, and common household products used in home improvement projects may contain toxic materials. If not disposed of properly, these products can run off into storm drains and end up in our lakes and rivers, polluting our water and causing harm to wildlife and the environment.

### What Can I Do?

- Clean water based paint from brushes in a sink, not outside with a hose.
- Dispose of paint, solvents, and other toxic products properly.
- Keep all construction debris away from the streets, gutters, or storm drains.
- Cover or contain excavated materials to prevent erosion.
- Never dispose of cement washout or concrete dust onto driveways, streets or gutters.

### Did You Know?

Water-based paints are safer to the environment than oil based paints, but all paint should be kept out of the storm drains. There are pigments in some paints that contain heavy metals that can be very toxic to water supplies and aquatic life.



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