Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program

Pollution Prevention – It’s Part of the Plan

It is your responsibility to do the job right!

Runoff from streets and other paved areas is a major source of pollution in local creeks, San Francisco Bay and the Pacific Ocean.

Construction activities can directly affect the health of our waters unless contractors and crews plan ahead to keep dirt, debris, and other construction waste away from storm drains and creeks. Following these guidelines will ensure your compliance with local and federal stormwater ordinance requirements. Remember, ongoing monitoring and maintenance of installed controls is crucial to proper implementation.

**General Construction & Site Upkeep**

- Advance planning prevents pollution
- Schedules excavation and grading activities for dry weather periods. To bid out, schedule plant operations to avoid stormwater runoff and protect site facilities from hydrostatic pressure.
- Control the amount of soil that must be stockpiled to prevent stormwater runoff. Ensure that there is adequate slope to prevent soil erosion.
- Don’t exceed your erosion and sedimentation limits. Make these basins available to ensure site water is protected from sediment and debris.
- Cover stormwater runoff from construction areas.

**Good housekeeping practices**

- Oil, waste water, or other contaminants are stored, moved, or disposed of in a manner that minimizes runoff.

**Earth-Moving Equipment**

- Use sufficient equipment to minimize runoff.

**Roadway & Paving**

- Use sufficient equipment to minimize runoff.

**Fresh Concrete & Mortar Application**

- Use sufficient equipment to minimize runoff.

**Painting & Application of Solvents & Adhesives**

- Use sufficient equipment to minimize runoff.

**Landscaping, Gardening, and Pool Maintenance**

- Use sufficient equipment to minimize runoff.

**Storm drain polluters may be liable for fines of up to $25,000 per day!**