

HUME CITY COUNCIL CLEANER CREEKS Everyone's Business

Did you know that stormwater run-off from our businesses, roads and car parks drains into our creeks, rivers and oceans? Good business practice will help protect our valuable waterways, and that's good for everyone.

The Drains are Just For Rain

- Rain from the street, your roof, yard and car park goes into our stormwater drains. This stormwater goes into Merri Creek, the Yarra River and Port Phillip Bay.
- No rubbish, oil, detergent, sand, paint, metals or other materials are allowed in stormwater drains. To protect our creeks, make sure your business has the correct sumps, pollutant traps, bunds or sewer connections where they are needed.
- Vehicle and equipment washing must be done in covered and bunded wash-down bays. Wash-down bays must connect to a sump or the sewer with a trade waste agreement.



Keep Your Nature Strip & Garden Beds Tidy

- No materials can be dumped or stored on nature strips or in garden beds. Materials must be stored appropriately within your own property.
- Clean nature strips and garden beds means less pollution in our soil, drains, creeks.





Store Material Properly

- Keep waste in bins and skips, and keep all bins and skips closed. This keeps your property clean and stops rubbish from entering our water, air and soil.
- Materials from open or broken bins, skips, packaging or containers can be blown into drains and creeks.
- Regularly check packaging and containers to make sure they aren't broken.
- Make sure bins and skips are collected regularly, to reduce the build-up of waste.



Prevent & Clean Up Spills

- Clean up any spills immediately – big or small – using the spill kit kept on site.
- Keep a spill kit close to stored bulk liquids and where liquids are used on your site.
- Store bulk liquids in appropriate bunding.
- Make sure current and new staff know how to use the spill kit.



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For more advice on how your business can help keep our waterways clean, contact Hume's Sustainable Environment Department on 9205 2200.