

Top five things you can do to keep waterways clean!



Preventing rubbish, grease, oil and other contaminants from entering the stormwater drainage system in the first place is the most effective way to reduce stormwater pollution. Key tips for protecting stormwater and our waterways are:

1. Check your drains

- Check which drains on your premises are connected to sewer and your Food and Oil Interceptor ('grease trap')
- Label the stormwater drains on or near your premises 'Stormwater Drain Just for Rain' and inform all staff. If unsure please contact a plumber
- Keep all drains clear and clean of litter
- Sweep paved areas clear of rubbish
- Make sure food waste, detergents or oil cannot spill from your grease trap, rubbish bin or yard into the stormwater drains



2. Wash equipment and floors responsibly

- Make sure you and your staff have easy access to an appropriate 'Cleaner Sink' or drain, connected to your Food and Oil interceptor ('grease trap'), for disposing of wash/waste-water. This sink should be clearly labelled 'Cleaner Sink, waste water only'
- Make sure dirty, soapy or oily waters eg. from floor mopping, high pressure cleaning (floors, walls or roofs), exhaust filter cleaning, floor mat cleaning, or any cleaning containing flaking or left over residual paint or chemicals are tipped into the 'Cleaner Sink' or drain
- Take bins or exhaust fan equipment needing a wash to a suitable wash provider, hire a wash/exchange service or ensure that wash-waters are tipped to a suitable laundry or cleaner sink, if cleaned onsite.
- Use biodegradable cleaning products, where possible

3. Secure your bins and outside items

- Make sure your bins have secure lids so that litter does not blow around
- Ensure that there are no cracks or leaks in your bins and that they are not overflowing
- Avoid positioning your bins above a stormwater drain, where possible

4. Store and manage your bulk liquids appropriately

- Make sure stored chemicals, detergents and oils don't leak and are stored securely in an undercover area, away from any stormwater drains
- Ensure that anything that could wash off the site is stored in a bunded (raised barrier) area or over a collection tray to prevent them getting into stormwater drains

5. Responding to issues

- In the event of contamination, contain, collect or redirect the flow as quickly as possible away from the stormwater drain and secure the area
- Contact council regarding the incident so that advice regarding appropriate clean up action can be undertaken if necessary

Together we can continue to protect our creeks and bays by keeping the "Stormwater Drain Just For Rain".

