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POLLUTION SOLUTIONS

to Help Protect Our Waters...for Life!

Best Management Practices for Homeowners & Residents

Homeowners are responsible for all work performed on property, whether done by the individual or contracted out. When planning and conducting your project, consider the following "green" best management practices:

- Keep sidewalks, curbs and gutters fronting your property clean by sweeping up waste regularly and disposing of it in the trash.
- When landscaping your yard, direct runoff to grassed or planted areas. Control soil erosion and runoff by mulching or planting exposed areas.
- Consider composting plant and grass cuttings. Compost is a valuable soil conditioner that gradually releases nutrients in your lawn or garden.
- When washing your car, rinse with plain water or use environmentally friendly soap. Use hoses with nozzles to conserve water.
- When changing motor oil, use an oil absorbent change box. Use absorbent materials to pick up spills.

- Use water-based paints whenever possible. Discard leftover paint and paint products by pouring them on absorbent materials like cat litter, sawdust, rags or shredded newspaper. Leftover water-based paint can also be hardened and disposed of with household trash.
 - Minimize the storage of hazardous materials and chemicals by purchasing only what you need and using it all.
 Call 692-5411 for more information on hazardous waste management.
 - Collect and flush or throw away pet waste.

THESE GUIDELINES HELP ENFORCE
PROVISIONS OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT.
NONCOMPLIANCE MAY RESULT IN FINES UP TO
\$25,000 PER VIOLATION PER DAY!

For more information call the Environmental Concern Line at 692-5656, or visit www.CleanWaterHonolulu.com.

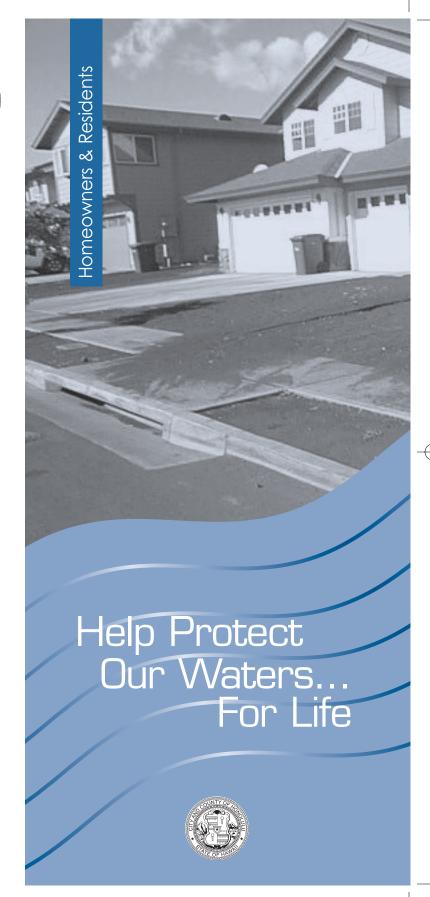


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Oahu is home to nearly one million residents with new construction projects constantly occurring. The City & County of Honolulu Department of Environmental Services works in partnership with the construction industry in an ongoing effort to protect Hawaii's precious waterways.

Storm Water Stewardship & Ocean Pollution: Where the Flow Goes

Storm water runs from construction sites to streets, then into catch basins that lead to storm drains. Storm water eventually flows from drains into streams and surrounding coastline.

Hawaii's fragile aquatic environment is one of our most precious commodities. Government, communities, business and individuals need to work together to prevent pollution.

Policy for Pollution Prevention

The City encourages businesses to develop effective strategies on pollution prevention. When companies set standards to reduce waste, both management and employees become key parts in keeping Oahu an attractive place to live and visit. Environmentally conscious organizations also have strong public images as caring corporate citizens.



Partners for Pollution Prevention

While the City and private sector have done well in preventing urban runoff, we must continue to work together to keep our streets, beaches and ocean clean. The City's main priorities are educating businesses and the public on pollution prevention, advising on practical, cost-effective solutions and enforcing rules to ensure compliance.

Call 692-5263 for more information on the following:

- best management practices for effective storm water pollution prevention;
- recent changes to City ordinances and how to comply with them;
- or to schedule a walk-through assessment of facilities.

Requirements of the Law

It is the responsibility of all businesses to stay abreast of current Federal, State and City regulations.

For more information on permits and the latest applicable ordinances, **call 692-5207** or visit **www.CleanWaterHonolulu.com.**

Trash: Dispose of it with Care

Regular inspections should be conducted to ensure that dumpsters are leak-free and have tight-fitting lids. It is highly recommended that dumpsters and trash compactors are stored in covered locations. Maintenance staff should frequently clean up debris in trash areas with a broom rather than water. Whenever a trash container is cleaned, the water must be disposed of through a grease interceptor to a sewer. Keep liquid wastes out of dumpsters. Runoff due to dumpster leaks can lead to City fines.

For more information on refuse disposal, call 692-5411.



Storage of Chemicals

Store pesticides, fertilizers, paints, solvents and other chemicals in original containers in covered locations. Chemicals must be stored on elevated surfaces—away from contact with the ground.

Penalties & Fines

Businesses and property owners are liable for illegal discharges whether the work is performed in-house or contracted out. Non-compliance can result in fines up to \$25,000 per day per violation.

Educating the Construction Industry

The City asks that businesses educate employees about construction best management practices (BMPs) and encourages them to be "good neighbors" by using BMPs to help protect Oahu's environment.



Environmental Concern Line

692-5656

Call the Environmental Concern Line to...

- report any situation that may pollute storm drains, waterways and beaches
- report a clogged storm drain or catch basin
- request educational materials
- schedule a presentation on pollution prevention

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