PAINT AND HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE



RECOMMENDED METHODS FOR STORM WATER PROTECTION



Storm Water Pollution Prevention: It's Up To Us

In the Salt Lake Valley, storm drains flow directly to local creeks and rivers with NO treatment. Degradation of storm water is a serious problem for wildlife dependent on our waterways and for the people who live near streams or use them for recreation. Some common sources of contaminants in storm runoff include spilled oil, fuel, and fluids from vehicles and heavy equipment; construction debris; landscaping runoff containing pesticides or weed killers; and materials such as used motor oil, antifreeze, and paint products that people pour or spill into a street or storm drain.

Salt Lake County has developed a Storm Water Management Program to educate local residents and businesses and to improve the quality of storm water runoff. We hope you will join us, by using the recommended methods (referred to as Best Management Practices) described in this pamphlet.

Who Should Use this Pamphlet?

- Residents
- **■** Do-It-Yourselfers
- **■** Home builders
- Paint and remodeling contractors
- General contractors

What Can You Do? General Practices

- Never use the gutter or storm drain system for disposal of household waste. Liquid residue from paints, thinners, solvents, glues and cleaning fluids are hazardous wastes.
- When thoroughly dry, empty water base paint cans, spent brushes, rags and drop cloths may be disposed of in trash.
- Rinse containers and use rinse water as product. Dispose of rinsed containers in trash.
- Properly use and store all toxic products including cleaners, solvents and paints.

There is a Household Hazardous Waste Facility now located at the Salt Lake Valley Solid Waste Facility on 6030 West 1300 South. It is open Monday through Saturday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. County homeowners can bring their household hazardous waste to the facility and it will be taken off their hands for **free!** Call 313-6697 for more information

■ Use kitty litter or other absorbent material to clean up spills from paved surfaces.

■ DO NOT WASH INTO THE STREET!

Depending on the substance, dispose of absorbents in trash or at the household hazardous waste facility.

Paint Solvents and Adhesives

- Select water based or latex paints whenever possible.
- Sweep up dust and paint chips from sanding or stripping. Dispose of in trash UNLESS the activity involved marine paints or paints containing leads. These should be disposed of as hazardous waste.
- When high-pressure water stripping or cleaning building exteriors, block storm drains. Wash water onto dirt area and spade in soil IF no chemicals were used. Contact the City County Health Department for more specific guidelines, especially if chemicals are used.
- For water based paint, paint out brushes to the extent possible and rinse in sink.
- For oil based paint, paint out the brushes to the extent possible, filter and reuse thinners and solvents. Disposed of excess liquids and residue as hazardous waste.

Give unused products to a neighbor or community group to use



This is one of a series of pamphlets describing storm water protection measures for specific types of activities. Other pamphlets include:

Landscaping, Gardening and Yard Maintenance

Fresh Concrete and Mortar Application

Erosion Control

Household and Vehicle Maintenance

Pet Waste and Water Quality

For more information about the Salt Lake County storm water quality management program and additional pamphlets, contact:



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Visit the Salt Lake County Stormwater Coalition webpage:
www.stormwatercoalition.org

Spill Response

Dial 911
-orState of Utah
Environmental Response
(801) 536-4123

Local Pollution Control Agencies

Utah Division of Water Quality (801) 538-6146

Salt Lake City County Health Department (801) 313-6700

Salt Lake County Engineering Division (801) 468-2711





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