

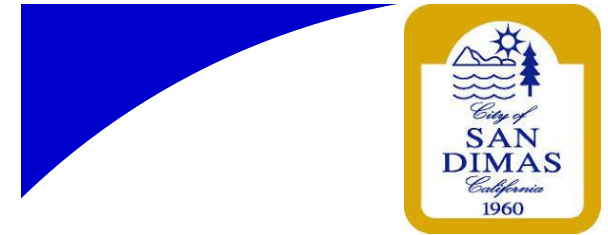


SPILL PREVENTION & CLEANUP

Clean up spills immediately. Have a spill cleanup kit available at all times, with items such as brooms/shovels, dustpans, booms, rags, absorbents, safety glasses and gloves. Never hose down or bury spills. Remove material and dispose of properly. Educate employees about spill prevention and cleanup. Spills that pose threat to human health or the environment should be reported to 911 and to City if any spills enter a storm drain inlet.



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STORMWATER PROGRAM

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR PAINTING SERVICES



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Best Management Practices for Painters

This brochure provides information about using best management practices (BMPs) for painting services

Why should we be concerned with painting operation discharges?

Pollutants from paint application, washing and cleaning include many different types of toxic chemicals (solvents, mercury, petrochemicals etc.). These pollutants drain out of the work area finding their way into the street and into the storm drain systems and eventually our creeks and ocean, which can harm aquatic life and the environment. The implementation of the proper BMP's is required for compliance with State and local regulations which were developed to prevent water pollution and protect the public health.

Please note that it is unlawful for wash water or other non-storm water generated by painters to enter storm drains. Painters that do not prevent waste water from entering the storm drain systems are subject to Administrative Citations and/or fines under San Dimas Municipal Code Chapter 14.11.

Best Management Practices (BMPs)

Painters must use the following BMPs to comply with the City's water quality requirements:

- Minimize water use by using high pressure, low volume nozzles.
- Collect and properly dispose of paint chips and dust daily using dry methods such as sweeping or vacuuming to clean up pollutants.
- Use drop clothes during paint removal, paint mixing and application of paint.
- Filter, reuse, and recycle paint thinner, and solvents whenever possible.
- Never rinse out paint brushes or equipment on an impervious surface. Clean tools covered with water-based paints in sinks connected to sanitary sewer or portable containers that can be dumped into a sanitary sewer drain.
- Latex paint waste must be recycled. Never pour latex paint or other toxic substance or liquid waste on the pavement, ground, storm drain or into the sanitary sewer.
- Wash area must be contained so that water does not drain down streets and gutters- use sand bag berms, wattles, or bermed containment mats.
- Protect downstream storm drain inlet so that wash water does not enter storm drain. Protection must be placed before starting the washing process and removed before you leave the site.
- Use a "wet-vac" to vacuum up the wash water for proper disposal.

Options for wash water management

- **Preferred Option:**
Zero discharge or closed-loop recycled water
- **Second Option:**
Discharge into municipal sewer system including residential sewer cleanout, utility sink or toilet, etc. Precautions must be taken to prevent disposal of any heavy debris, hazardous materials or items that can clog sink or toilet. Wash water may also be taken off site for proper disposal at your home or business. **Contact the City Public Works Dept. for sewer disposal permitting requirements and/or prohibitions.**

If you would like further information about water quality pollution prevention, contact the Public Works Department at (909)394-6240 or visit our website at www.sandimasca.gov

Thank you for your effort in helping to improve the quality of our environment.