



Help stop stormwater pollution from your site and avoid a fine by preventing the following:

- Litter, rubbish and waste on site. Bins or skips not being used to stop litter being blown across and off the site.

SUGGESTION Use a bin fitted with a lid or a rubbish cage.

- Sediment discharge. Water running off the site carrying soil into the gutters and the stormwater system.

SUGGESTION Use a silt fence or straw bales on sloping sites.

- Mud on roads. Vehicles driving onto the building site and then carrying mud from their tyres onto roads.

SUGGESTION Restrict site access and provide a mud free access point.

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- Storage of sand, soil, and screenings in places where they are washed into the stormwater system by rain.

SUGGESTION Make sure all deliveries are placed on site or surrounded by a silt fence.

- Concrete washings, paint, thinners (chemicals). Washing equipment in gutters which lead to the stormwater system and creeks.

SUGGESTION Provide an area on site for the washing of all equipment where the runoff stays on site.

For further information contact the City of Boroondara on 9278 4444 or visit our website www.boroondara.vic.gov.au



Protecting stormwater quality

from building and construction sites



POOR BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITE PRACTICES ARE MAJOR SOURCES OF STORMWATER POLLUTION.

Soil, sand, rubbish and other building materials can be washed by rain, blown by wind, or carried off site on vehicle tyres. These materials get washed down street gutters into drains and end up:

- polluting our creeks, rivers, beaches and bays,
- destroying the habitats of fish and aquatic plants,
- 'silting up' streams and blocking stormwater pipes, causing flooding,
- making roads and footpaths slippery and dangerous, for pedestrians as well as vehicles.

Sand washed into the drains pollutes waterways.



There are State and Council laws to try to reduce these problems. These laws mean it is an offence to:

- not place rubbish in a bin;
- allow paint, plaster or concrete washings to be washed into street gutters and drains;
- allow sand and brick, tile or concrete dust or slurry to be washed off your building site;
- deposit mud from vehicle tyres on the road;
- leave construction materials on roads, nature strips and footpaths without a permit.

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IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DEVELOPERS AND MANAGERS OF BUILDING SITES TO MAKE SURE THEY DO NOT POLLUTE WATERWAYS.

Preventing stormwater pollution also has flow on benefits to homeowners, builders and the industry that include:

- reduced stockpile losses,
- reduced clean up costs,
- reduced downtime,
- improved site safety,
- fewer public complaints,
- a better image,
- reduced risk of fines.

Use a rubbish cage on your building site.

