



If you witness illegal dumping dial 9-1-1 immediately and report all relevant details (date/time, location, description of vehicle, license, and driver, etc.) so that law enforcement can effectively respond.

If the illegal dumping has already occurred contact the Contra Costa Clean Water Program at: 1-800-NO-DUMPING.

Hazardous Waste Facility Numbers:

Central Contra Costa Sanitary District HHW  
4797 Imhoff Place, Martinez  
(800) 646-1431

Delta-Diablo Sanitation District  
2550 Pittsburg-Antioch Highway, Pittsburg  
(925) 756-1990

West County HHW Collection Center  
101 Pittsburg Avenue, Richmond  
(888) 412-9277  
(925) 372-3440 (Emergency)

Call the  
**CONTRA COSTA CLEAN WATER PROGRAM**  
at 925-313-2360

for more information  
about stormwater regulation.

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# Trash Best Management Practices (BMPs) For Businesses



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**ONLY RAIN DOWN THE DRAIN**



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PH: (925) 313-2360 | FX: (925) 313-2301  
1-800-NO DUMPING (1-800-663-8674)

## It is illegal to allow anything other than rain water to be discharged to a storm drain.

Trash in our environment impairs our waterways' beneficial uses such as recreation, wildlife habitat, commercial fishing, and degrades water quality. Trash such as plastic bags harm wildlife by entanglement or ingestion. Trash may also contain hazardous materials such as heavy metals, toxic chemicals (solvents, chlorinated compounds), oil and grease products as well as other materials that are harmful to the environment.

Trash should never enter our environment or be washed down storm drains and into creeks. Individuals and businesses who improperly handle and dispose of trash are subject to fines and criminal prosecution.



Millions of dollars are spent by local governments to remove trash from creeks and open areas. Tax dollars spent disposing of trash could be spent on community services such as repaving roads and police protection.

To prevent trash from polluting our environment, incorporate BMPs into your business operations.

## Trash BMPs for Businesses



### DUMPSTERS AND TRASH RECEPTACLES

- ◆ Regularly inspect dumpsters and trash compactors for leaks and broken parts, and if found repair or replace.
- ◆ Keep dumpster and common areas of your business clear of trash and keep dumpster lids closed.
- ◆ Provide trash receptacles for your customers and encourage their use.
- ◆ Ensure the size of your dumpster is appropriate for the trash load of your business.
- ◆ Properly bag trash before putting it in the dumpster.
- ◆ Do not hose out dumpsters. Apply absorbent over any fluids spilled in dumpster. If trash dumpster area requires cleaning, use dry clean up methods or a permitted mobile washer.
- ◆ If your business uses a tallow bin then keep bins leak free and clean. Keep tallow bin area clean, covered and secured.

### OUTDOOR AREAS

- ◆ Mark all storm drains with 'No Dumping' markers (markers can be procured at your local municipality).
- ◆ Discourage illegal dumping by posting "No Dumping" signs, providing adequate lighting, and/or fencing in open areas.
- ◆ Sweep your store front and common areas and keep storm drains clear of trash.
- ◆ Require contractors to collect all their trash including landscaping debris.

### DURING BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

- ◆ When transporting materials, cover and tie down loads.
- ◆ Train your employees to keep trash off the streets, parking areas and out of storm drains.
- ◆ If your business includes tenants, communicate proper trash BMPs. Include trash control requirements in lease documents.



### RECYCLED MATERIALS/HAZARDOUS WASTE

- ◆ Reduce your disposal cost by recycling materials such as plastics, paper, cardboard, aluminum cans, and glass to reduce trash in landfills.
- ◆ Compost food scraps and landscape debris. Talk with your waste hauler regarding available services.
- ◆ Go to [cccrecycle.org](http://cccrecycle.org) for information on how to recycle materials.
- ◆ Keep hazardous waste out of trash receptacles (this includes e-waste, appliances, paint, batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, cleaning chemicals, pesticides, etc.) Call Contra Costa Hazardous Materials at 925-646-2286 for proper handling of hazardous materials.

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