

GUIDELINES FOR SMALL, “WEEKEND “ CONCRETE JOBS ONLY RAIN DOWN THE STORM DRAIN

Protect Pinole Creek and San Francisco Bay. Do not place concrete waste into inlets or gutters. The storm drain system includes gutters, grated inlets, underground pipes, as well as channels, creeks, and the Bay. Anything that is discharged into the storm drain system flows to the Bay without any treatment.

Concrete wash waters contain sediments that coat stream beds and chemicals that harm fish and other wildlife. Concrete wastes block and back-up underground pipes.

Proper disposal of concrete waste:

- Use a squeegee or similar tool to remove all excess concrete from the chute.
- Place all excess concrete in a form, holder, box or a designated washout area where it may be removed once it is hardened. You may need to make a number of smaller piles because solid concrete is very heavy. All concrete finishing tools and pumping hoses should also be cleaned in the washout area.
- Use the minimum amount of water to wash down the chute, finishing tools, and any other equipment.
- Remove the concrete sediment from the street, gutters, and area surrounding the washout area before it hardens.
- Dispose of concrete wash water properly. Two examples are described below.

Preferred Practice to Dispose of Wash Water: Contain all wash water on soil, preferably in a bowl shaped area to prevent the wash water from flowing from the washout area.

Alternate Practice: The following steps are illustrated on the back of this flyer.

1. Find the storm drain immediately down stream from the designated washout area. Block the storm drain and dam an area to collect the was water. One effective control method is to use sandbags. To properly install, first wet down the sand bags, then compact them tightly to one another and to the curb so that so silty water can flow through.
2. Allow particles to settle and allow the water to evaporate.
3. Discard the concrete particles to the trash or landfill.

Please remember, **IT IS ILLEGAL TO DISPOSE OF CONCRETE OR UNTREATED CONCRETE WASH WATERS IN THE STORM DRAIN SYSTEM.** Also, **DO NOT dispose of concrete in the sanitary sewer.**