



Minimising Your Impact on Stormwater

Working Together for Healthy Waterways

Geelong's waterways are diverse and unique.



Waste and runoff from your business can contain pollutants that are harmful to our waterways and can be toxic to the plants and animals in them (including you).

IT IS ILLEGAL TO DISCHARGE WASTE TO STORMWATER DRAINS.

Bin it securely. Manage your waste appropriately whether you sell, recycle, reuse or dispose. Keep waste, including sheeting, recyclables and other materials covered, protected, ordered and in banded areas. Bunds that contain bulk liquid must comply with the EPA bunding guidelines.

It is generally more expensive to dispose of non-recyclable waste. Therefore keep waste held at your workplace to a minimum and minimise your purchase of these materials.

Ensure waste skip lids are closed when not in use.

Store chemicals in a fire proof, self closing and locking safety cabinet that has an in built sump. Keep material data safety sheets on site.

Store items undercover in a neat and tidy manner to reduce loss of materials. Substances that may react should not be stored next to each other.

Keep an oil/chemical spill kit ready to clean up spills.

Keep records of your spills. Make sure you have a well documented clean up plan and that all staff are trained to respond to spills. Incorporate environmental practices into the workplace.

Most materials can be recycled by local contractors. Hazardous substances or dangerous goods must be removed by a licensed carrier.

Minimise the cleaning products that go down the drain. Always choose biodegradable products and minimise their use.

Put cigarette butts in the bin. Use a bin with sand to extinguish cigarette butts safely.

Install a triple interceptor pit to separate oil from water and recover, dispose or reuse your oil safely and economically.

Install a grid to prevent the loss of soil from site.

Trade waste agreements are required to discharge waste to sewer.

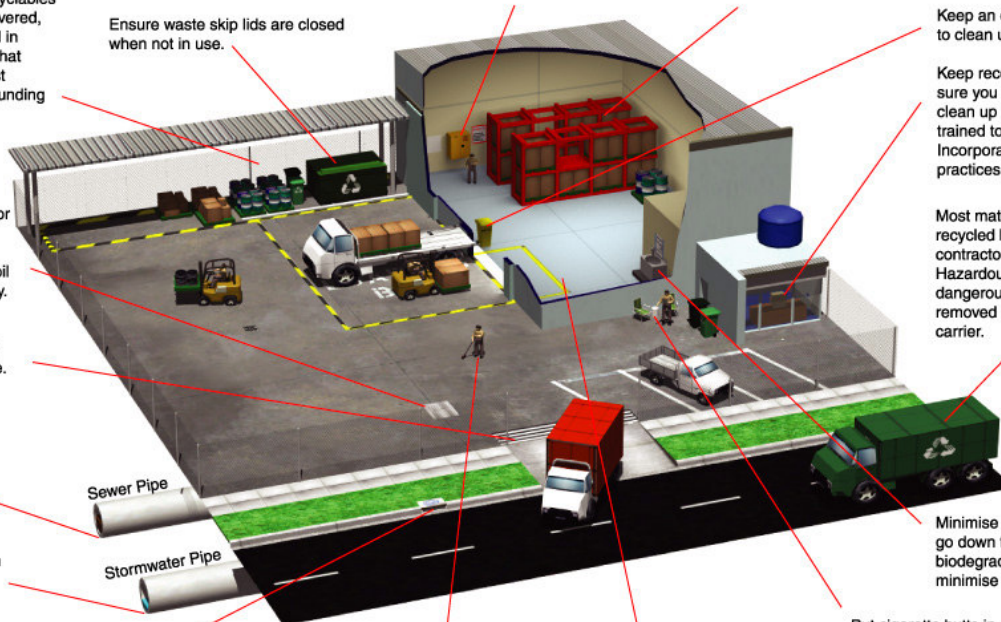
Stormwater ends up in your local waterways.

Road runoff flows into stormwater drains and then into our waterways. Reduce litter and sediment entering the drain by keeping a clean site.

Keep your workplace clean and tidy. Use a broom not a hose. Dry clean methods should be used to clean work area. Use absorbent material such as kitty litter to soak up oil and grease, then dispose of these in a bin.

Seal work areas to reduce pollutants contaminating the soil and waterways.

Painting the floor with non-slip paint may prevent the floor in your work area from absorbing oil.



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