



6. Use water-based paint and discard properly. Do soak up and discard small amounts of leftover paint products by using sawdust, rags or shredded newspaper; or by painting it onto cardboard, and letting it dry. Discard with the rest of your household trash. Paints can also be hardened in its container and thrown away in the trash. Don't pour paint or paint products down the drain or on the ground.



7. Use only the amount needed of pesticides and fertilizers. Do use pesticides and fertilizers according to the instructions on the package and only purchase what you need. Fertilizer and its packaging may be disposed of in the household trash. Call 692-5411 to find out how to dispose of a particular pesticide product. **Don't** overuse pesticides or fertilizers. Don't use these products if rain is anticipated. Never pour leftover pesticides down the sink, into the toilet, or down the storm drain.



8. Wash your car with plain water/ Do wash your car using a nozzle and bucket, and direct the flow of water into a grassed area. If you must wash with detergents, sparingly use environmentally friendly soaps, or go to a commercial car wash. **Don't** let the hose run continuously, sending excess water and detergents into the gutter.



9. Keep household cleaning products from becoming hazardous waste. Do use non-hazardous and environmentally safe cleaning products. Buy only what you need and use it all. Call 692-5411 to find out how to dispose of a particular products. **Don't** pour household products down the drains, toilet or into the gutter.



storm water pollution prevention



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Report Pollution Of Oahu's Storm Drain System

Call The City Environmental Concern Line: **692-5656**
Discharging pollutants to the storm drain is against the law.
Violators can be fined up to \$25,000 per violation, per day.

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting questions: 692-5207
Public education and outreach: 692-5208
Related web sites: www.cleanwaterhonolulu.com,
www.opala.org, www.co.honolulu.hi.us/env/rc/index1.htm

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Oahu is home to nearly 1 million people, each of whom can have direct effect on our island environment and water quality. Everyone, including residents, business owners and employees can minimize polluted runoff.

Some storm water Best Management Practices (BMPs) or simply good housekeeping practices can be implemented when first planning and building the home and designing the landscape. Others can be incorporated into day-to-day activities. The cumulative effect throughout an entire watershed can help keep pollutants out of our streams, estuaries, and the ocean.



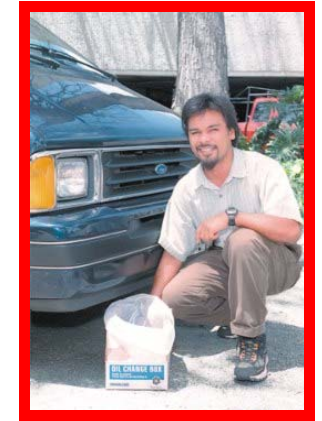
1. Keep sidewalks, curbs and gutters clean. Do keep sidewalks, curbs and gutters fronting your property clean by sweeping up debris and disposing of it in the trash, prior to hosing with plain water. Remember, it is the property owner's responsibility to keep these areas clean. **Don't** wash or allow debris from sidewalks, curbs and gutters into the storm drain.



2. Prevent soil and debris from leaving your property. Do sweep excess dirt and sediment runoff from landscaping or watering from sidewalks and driveways into grassed or planted areas. Control soil erosion on your property by planting ground cover or mulching erosion prone areas. **Don't** wash excess dirt into the gutter, as it will flow into the storm drain. Never over water the yard to the point where runoff occurs.



3. Gather grass and tree cuttings and dispose as green waste, or compost your yard trimmings. **Don't** wash cuttings, or any other debris from your yard, into the gutter and down the storm drain.



4. Purchase used oil change box and soak up spilled oil and dispose of appropriately. Do purchase an oil change box available at retail outlets that sell motor oil. Used oil can be drained directly into the box, sealed and placed into the trash.



5. Remove and dispose of pet waste before you leave an area. Do pick up after your pet and properly dispose of the waste. It's not only a matter of respecting public and other people's property, it prevents pet waste from being washed into drains, streams and shoreline water.

Also visit the Hawaiian Humane Society's web site at <http://www.hawaiianhumane.org/animallaws/index.html>.

When you use Best Management Practices (BMPs), you not only reduce pollution flowing into streams and the ocean, but also become leaders and role models for your community.

**Help Protect Our Waters ... For Life
E Kokua Kākou, E Mālama I Ka Wai Ola**