Only Rain Down the Storm Drain



This Drains Here





Storm drains collect rainwater to prevent flooding. Water flowing into storm drains located in streets and parking lots and flows directly into our local streams, lakes, and wetlands.

Prevent Pollution

Paint, solvents, and adhesives contain chemicals that are harmful to people, fish, and wildlife. Never allow these materials to wash into the street or storm drain.

Waste materials from painting include excess paint, thinner, cleanup water, dust, and paint chips from preparation work. Runoff from painting and prep areas may be contaminated with toxins, oil, grease, metal, and debris.





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Bellevue Utilities recycle@bellevuewa.gov 425-452-6932

For alternate formats, interpreters, or reasonable accommodation requests please phone at least 48 hours in advance 425-452-6932 (voice) or email recycle@bellevuewa.gov. For complaints regarding accommodations, contact City of Bellevue ADA/Title VI Administrator at 425-452-6168 (voice) or email ADATitleVI@bellevuewa.gov. If you are deaf or hard of hearing dial 711. All meetings are wheelchair accessible. Paint and Fish Don't Mix





Painting Best Practices

Follow these guidelines to protect the environment and comply with Bellevue city code (BCC 1.18.075).

> Remember it is illegal to pollute waterways and can result in fines.

To report pollution,

or if you have questions about Bellevue's storm and surface water system or code requirements, please call 425-452-7840 or email utilities@bellevuewa.gov.



Thank you for keeping our shared waters healthy for people, fish, and wildlife.

Jobsite Procedures

Use this jobsite checklist and train employees on the following procedures.

- Maintain a clean working environment.
- Use ground cloths to collect dust and debris from site preparation work.
- Shelter spray painting areas with tarps to prevent dust and overspray.
- Use drip pans in areas where paint, finishes, and other liquids are mixed, carried, and applied.
- Store and maintain spill kits in easily accessible locations.
- Sweep and/or vacuum the area when work is complete. Do not hose it down into the street or storm drain.
- Clean, store, and dispose of residual paint and materials properly.
- Review local stormwater discharge restrictions and wastewater discharge require.
- Establish and document a regular training schedule for all new and existing employees and conduct annual refresher courses.

Disposal of Excess Paint

PaintCare launched an industry-led postconsumer paint stewardship program throughout WA State.

Limited quantities of paints, stains, sealers, varnishes, and more in original containers with lids can be dropped off at participating locations or larger volumes may be picked up. Visit www.paintcare.org/contractors for complete accepted list. Many contractors report clearing out storage spaces and no longer stockpiling paint!

Convenient Drop off Sites:

www.paintcare.org/drop-off-sites There is no cost to drop off paint, it's paid for by a fee applied to new paint sales.

Pickup Service for Large Volumes:

Contractors with at least 100 gallons of leftover paint may qualify for free pickup. Visit www.paintcare.org/pickup

Business Limits:

To use PaintCare for oil-based paint, a business must qualify as an exempt generator by law. Visit www.paintcare.org/VSQG for more information

Recommendation for Contractors:

- Tell customers who ask what to do with old paint to use PaintCare drop-off sites too!
- PaintCare is funded by a fee added to the wholesale price of all architectural paint sold online or in stores in the state.
- Contractors can pass this fee on and tell customers that quotes include a fee that funds a statewide recycling program.