

# Paint and Solvents

## Best Management Practices



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## Hazardous Wastes

- Chemical paint stripping residue is a hazardous waste.
- Chips and dust from marine paints or paints containing lead or tributyl tin are hazardous wastes.
- Liquid residues from paints, thinners, solvents, glues and cleaning fluids are hazardous wastes.
- Hazardous waste can be taken to the San Joaquin County Hazardous Waste Facility located near the Stockton Airport. at 7850 R. A. Bridgeford Street.



## Disposal of Paints

- Keep all liquid paint products and wastes away from the gutter, street, and storm drains. If they are thoroughly dried, empty paint cans, spent brushes, rags, and drop cloths may be disposed of as trash.
- Paint chips, and dust from nonhazardous dry stripping and sand blasting may be swept up and disposed of as trash.
- When stripping or cleaning building exteriors with high-pressure water, block the storm drains. Wash water onto dirt area, shovel into soil, or use a wet-dry vacuum to prevent water from going into the storm drain or gutter.
- Never clean paintbrushes or containers into a street gutter, storm drain, or waterway. Use water-based paints when possible.



- For water-based paints, paint-out brushes to the extent possible, and rinse into the sanitary sewer system. Do not use a garden hose to rinse into the street.
- For oil-based paints, paint-out brushes to the extent possible, filter, and reuse thinners and solvents. Dispose of excess liquids and residue as hazardous waste at the San Joaquin County Hazardous Waste Facility located near the Stockton Airport.
- Recycle excess water-based paint, or use completely. Dispose of excess liquid, including sludges, as hazardous waste.
- Re-use leftover oil-based paint. Dispose of excess liquid, including sludges, as hazardous waste.

