

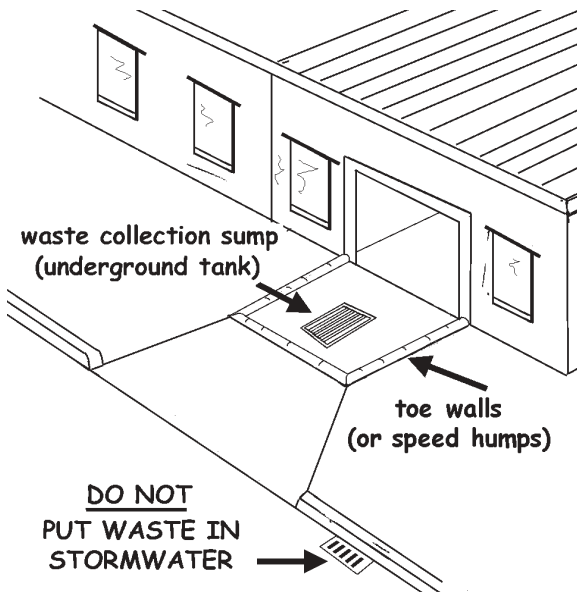


CLEANING

Stormwater Management Information Sheet 5.0



Cleaning Your Workplace



Collect or direct water into an approved trade waste system

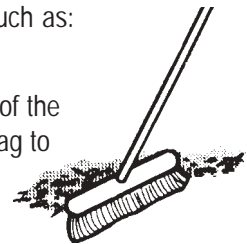
ONLY CLEAN RAINWATER should go into the stormwater drains on or near your property. Do not let washwater enter the stormwater drains where it gets into local waterways and eventually ends up in the bay. It is an offence to discharge contaminated waste water or liquid waste into stormwater drains.

Keep your workplace clean to stop accidental pollution of the stormwater system. Your customers and staff will also appreciate a clean and tidy work area. Good housekeeping can help improve safety.

Do not hose the factory floor or forecourt unless all the water can be collected or directed through an approved trade waste system.

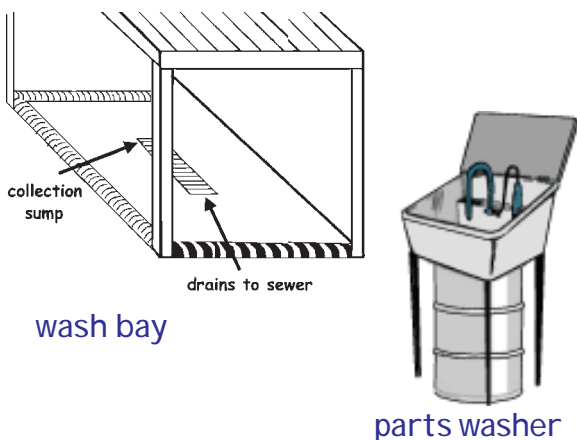
If you cannot hose down without getting dirty water in gutters or stormwater drains use another method such as:

- sweep or vacuum
- use absorbent material to remove most of the grime and then use some solvent on a rag to remove the rest and dispose of in a bin.



Paint the workfloor with a non-slippery paint to stop the floor absorbing oil.

Parts Washing



Do not degrease parts outside your factory, or where any runoff can enter the soil or stormwater system. An alternative method of degreasing is to wipe parts with rags and dispose of in a bin.

Biodegradable products are allowed in the sewer but not the stormwater.

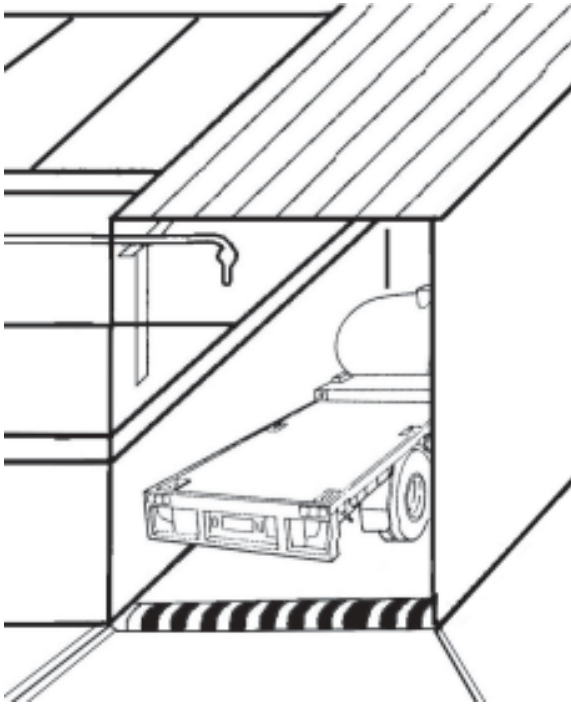
Replace solvent-based degreasing machines with aqueous washer units which use biodegradable soap, are less labour-intensive, and cost less to operate.

Degrease your hands over a sink connected to the sewer (not the stormwater). If there is no sewer then pour the wastewater into a drum for proper disposal by a licenced contractor.

You can degrease parts and engines if you have a wash bay approved by South East Water or have some other means of storing or treating the wastewater.

Store contaminated parts (e.g. used oil filters) inside in a covered container or in a covered, sealed and bunded area, even after they have been drained, to stop any residual oil leaking into the stormwater system.

Vehicle Washing Areas, Driveways And Car Parking



bunded washing area

Wash bays

Enclose the wash bay to stop splash contamination of nearby areas. Put rollover bunds (speed humps) at the entrance and exit to stop washwater from getting out.

Have a roof over the wash bay to stop rain getting in. Pave the floor with concrete.

Install a first-flush wash system in open air situations. This system has a cut-off valve to capture the first “flush” of dirty water and then a retention area or sump to cater for washwater and emergency events such as spills.

Alternatively, use a local car wash.

For further details check
www.epa.nsw.gov.au/stormwater

Wash water should be collected and disposed of in one of the following ways:

1. Stored in a drum or tank and be transported to a licensed liquid recycling or treatment centre.

2. Put into the sewer. Do this according to South East Water regulations (Refer to Information Sheet 5.1 ‘Trade Waste’ in this series).

You will need a written agreement giving you permission to do this (Trade Waste licence from South East Water).

This agreement may include a pre-treatment process, keeping to set discharge standards and a regular checking programme.

You will be charged a fee according to the volume you discharge and the suspended solid (SS) concentration levels.

3. Recycled or reused on-site. It can be used for pre-washing.



store or transport

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get permission to put waste
water into the sewer



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