

Pollution Prevention Checklist

Planning & Preparation

- ☐ **Schedule painting during dry weather** to reduce runoff risk (typically summer months)

Expected Date: _____

Backup Date: _____

☐ **Obtain a Spill Kit**

- At least a 5-gallon universal spill kit
- Can be purchased online or stocked yourself with:
 - Spill kit instructions
 - A pair of latex gloves
 - Disposal bag with tie
 - Universal absorbent pads (at least 10)
 - Universal absorbent socks (at least 2)



- ☐ **Find the storm drains within a block of the work area and COVER them** with filter fabric or storm drain mats.

- This is to prevent paint chips, leaves, or loose gravel from getting into the stormwater system, which can pollute our environment.
- Only rain down the drain! Pressure washing or other wash water **must** be diverted to a sink, lawn, or privately owned landscaping. **Wash water cannot enter the stormwater system.**
- Once all debris has been removed from the street, the project area can be rinsed with **cold water only**.

- ☐ **Designate** two volunteers to be responsible for responding to any spills that may occur

- ☐ **Use water-based, low VOC, environmentally friendly paints.**

- Reach out to CityWaterProtection@CityOfVancouver.us for help
 - Learn how to respond to a spill
 - Schedule a site visit at least one month prior to the project for help finding drains
 - Get more information on acceptable paints.
 - Learn about the [Storm Drain Medallion Program!](#)

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During Painting

- ☐ Store paint, brushes, and rollers **away from storm drains**
- ☐ Keep **lids tightly sealed** when not in use

Spill & Waste Management

- ☐ **Properly dispose** of paint waste, rags, and used containers
 - [Clark County's Recycling A to Z webpage](#) can be used to learn how to dispose of waste
 - Wash paint tools or containers into a bucket or kiddie pool to be dumped into a sink, lawn, or privately owned landscaping. **Wash water cannot enter the stormwater system.**
 - Preventing paint from entering our storm system protects the Columbia River!
 - Department of Ecology's [paints and coating webpage](#)
- ☐ **If paint or wash water enters the storm drain, contact 360-487-8177 for 24/7 support**

Post-Work Inspection & Clean Up

- ☐ **Wipe up** any wet paint splatter or residue
- ☐ **Sweep the area** and dispose of waste in the appropriate waste receptacles
- ☐ **Confirm the area** is clean and all paint is dry before removing all drain coverings

Helpful Links

[Contact the City's Water Protection Team](#)

[Pollution Prevention at Home](#)

[Report a Spill or Illicit Discharge](#)

[Storm Drain Medallion Program](#)

[Street Sweeping Schedule](#)

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