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FYI - this is something I have been trying to get City of Laguna Beach to do for several years.

YELLOW TAG WARNING

WATER QUALITY VIOLATION

We have observed activities at this address in apparent violation of water quality laws. These observations included:

- Wash water or pressure-wash water entered the gutter;
- Site not properly bermed or contained to control dirt or sediment runoff.
- Storm drain not properly protected.
- Soaps, chemicals, oils, solvents, or other contaminants entered the gutter
- Paint, cement, stucco, or other residue in the gutter.
- Trash, cigarette butts, construction debris, or yard debris in the gutter.
- Porta-john inadequately stabilized.

To avoid these problems:

- Use brooms, not hoses.
- Recapture wash water.
- Berm off all catch basins & storm drains.
- Dispose of paints & hazardous materials at these designated waste disposal sites:
 - 17121 Nichols in Huntington Beach (near Warner and Beach Blvd)
 - 6411 Oak Canyon in Irvine (off of Sand Canyon between the 5 and the 405).
 - Call 949-644-3066 (during working hours) or 714-834-6752 (24-hour hotline) for more information.

YOU AND YOUR CONTRACTORS MAY BOTH BE LIABLE FOR ANY VIOLATION. FELONY VIOLATIONS OF WATER QUALITY LAWS ARE PUNISHABLE BY FINES OF UP TO \$25,000 AND/OR UP TO THREE YEARS IN STATE PRISON PLUS THE FULL COST (LABOR AND MATERIALS) TO CLEAN UP AN ILLEGAL DISCHARGE.

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or call 949-644-3215



DATE OF NOTICE: _____

Yellow Tag was given to:

- ___ CONTRACTOR
- ___ SUBCONTRACTOR OR CREW
- ___ PROPERTY OWNER/HOMEOWNER
- ___ TENANT/AGENT
- ___ NOTICE POSTED ON:

- ___ FRONT DOOR
- ___ GARAGE
- ___ FENCE
- ___ NEAR BUILDING PERMIT
- ___ OTHER

NAME OF R/P (if known)

STREET ADDRESS OF VIOLATION

STAFF MEMBER'S NAME & PHONE #

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OTHER COMMENTS: _____

Separate this section and fax to Newport Beach Code & Environmental Enforcement at 949-644-3229 or deliver to Newport Beach City Hall for follow-up.

Our Beach & Your Construction Site

- Anything that enters the gutter goes right to Newport Bay or the Ocean -- there is no treatment system for gutter runoff! **If construction debris and water leave your construction site, you might be swimming in it later.**
- It is **AGAINST THE LAW** to discharge any of the following in the gutter and storm drain:
 - Wash water. Recapture wash water and pressure-washing water!
 - Paints (even water-based paints)
 - Paint thinners and solvents
 - Soaps (even bio-degradable soaps and "green" soaps)
 - Cleaning products
 - Oils or other hydrocarbons
 - Dirt and sediment
 - Residue with cement, drywall material, stucco, or grout
 - Trash, cigarette butts, construction debris, yard debris
 - Fertilizers and pesticides
- **FOLLOW YOUR GRADING AND EROSION CONTROL PLAN!** Remind contractors and subcontractors to keep all construction materials, water, & sediment on your construction site! Anticipate rain events! You **MUST** use sandbags or weirs to protect storm drain entrances to keep accidental discharges from entering the storm drains.
- Use brooms, not hoses. Never rinse construction materials so that the rinse water reaches the gutter!
- Drop excess paint off at qualifying hazardous disposal sites (call 714-834-6752 for locations) or let the can of water-based paint dry then put the dry can in the trash.
- Make sure porta-johns are stable (no knock-overs). When the cleaning or pumping service comes, don't let them spill soap or waste on the ground.

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Be part of the Clean Water Solution!

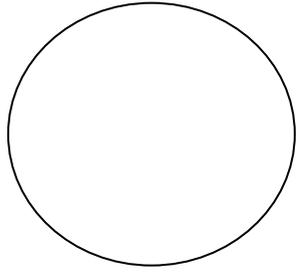
Learn more about protecting Newport Bay and our ocean shoreline at:

www.CleanWaterNewport.com

or call 949-644-3215

City of Newport Beach -- Division of Code and Water Quality Enforcement





YOU CAN HELP KEEP OUR BEACHES CLEAN

Reducing runoff in your neighborhood helps keep our beaches open and our waters clean.

Water that runs off your property -- from sprinklers, hoses, car washing, construction activity, and house cleaning -- goes straight to the ocean and bay! It's not treated! Would you want to swim in runoff?

Here's how you can help reduce runoff:

- Use a broom (not a hose) to sweep up sand and debris.
- Check your sprinklers to make sure they're timed and aimed correctly so that they don't flow on the sidewalk.
- Always pick up after pets.
- Use as little fertilizers and pesticides as possible.
- Don't wash your car at home -- take it to a car wash -- they recycle wash water!
- Hire awning and home cleaning companies that contain wash water.
- Make sure outdoor showers drain into landscaping - not the street.

Violations of the City's Water Quality Ordinance are punishable by fines of \$100, 200, and \$500 per violation. Report violations all to **949-644-3215**.



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