POLLUTION SOLUTIONS

While it is recommended that only water be used for cleaning, there are specific requirements and conditions for discharging wash water into storm drain and the sanitary sewer systems. To ensure that your methods are in compliance, call 692-5263 prior to starting cleaning projects.

- Prior to pressure washing buildings, windows, sidewalks, or pavement, remove all debris from the area using water-less methods such as brooms, wire brushes or absorbent materials.
- Perform pressure washing in designated areas where wash water containment can be set up. Use inlet protection devices such as filter fabric fences and sand bag barriers. For information on these and other inlet devices, call 692-5263.
- Do not allow parking lot wash water to flow into the storm drain system because it contains oil, grease and other toxic substances.
- Clean vehicle leaks with rags or other absorbent materials.
- Have absorbent materials and other items readily available for immediate cleanup of spills.
- Sweep walkways to collect debris rather than water cleaning.

- Discharge mop water into the sanitary sewer system.
- All discharges routed to the sanitary sewer system require an industrial wastewater discharge permit. For information, call 692-5377.

Vehicle Washing Pollution Solutions

- City ordinance prohibits all businesses from discharging vehicle wash water into the storm drain system.

These guidelines can help prevent violations of the Clean Water Act which can result in $25,000 per violation per day!

For more information on the Salt Lake watershed, visit www.protectingwater.com

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Salt Lake
A Community Within A Crater

The Salt Lake watershed has undergone dramatic changes over the last few decades. Large areas were filled in, waterways diverted and portions drained to develop residential areas and Honolulu Country Club golf course.

The Salt Lake community is totally contained within a crater. All pollution generated in Salt Lake, or flowing in from Aliamanu Crater, remains in Salt Lake. This affects the water quality in its waterways. The City & County of Honolulu’s Department of Environmental Services works in partnership with the Salt Lake community to ensure that residents and a healthy environment co-exist.

Businesses and property owners are liable for all work that may affect storm water quality whether that work is performed in-house or contracted out. Violations can result in fines of up to $25,000 per day per violation.

Street trash collected in a Salt Lake storm drain can make its way to Salt Lake and eventually to the ocean.

Penalties & Fines:

Trash: Dispose of it with Care
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For more information on refuse disposal, call 692-5411.

Storage of Chemicals
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Educating Salt Lake

The City encourages military organizations, community groups, condominium associations, schools and homeowner groups to promote environmental awareness and the need to keep pollutants out of the streets and storm drains.

Environmental Concern Line
527-5091

Call the hotline to . . .

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Policy for Pollution Prevention

The City encourages condominiums, schools, businesses and military organizations to develop policies on pollution prevention. When companies set goals to reduce waste, then publicize results and reward success, both management and employees become key parts in keeping Oahu pollution free. This also strengthens your organization’s image as a caring corporate citizen.

Partners for Pollution Prevention

The City’s priorities are educating Salt Lake residents in condominiums, schools, businesses and military organizations about pollution prevention, advising them of practical, cost-effective solutions and regulating to ensure compliance.

Call 692-5263 to schedule a meeting or presentation on:
- best management practices for effective storm water pollution prevention
- recent changes to city ordinances and how to comply with them
- walk-through assessments of facilities

If a complaint is filed or there is a community concern, the City must inspect the site and take corrective action. This can result in issuing of citations and fines.

Storm Water Stewardship & Ocean Pollution: Where the Flow Goes

Storm water, any water that enters into the storm drains, flows from Aliamanu Crater, Honolulu Country Club, condominiums, single-family residences, schools, parking lots, roadways and sidewalks into catch basins. These lead to storm drains that discharge into Salt Lake. From the lake, the storm water flows into Moanalua Stream. The drainage system in Salt Lake was not created for the disposal of waste or pollutants. While the City and Salt Lake community have done well in preventing urban runoff, we must continue to work together to keep our streets, beaches and oceans clean.

Requirements of the Law

It is the responsibility of all businesses to stay abreast of changes to Federal, State and City requirements.

For the latest list of applicable ordinances, and what can and cannot be discharged into the storm drain system, fax a request to 692-5520 or visit www.CleanWaterHonolulu.com. Areas of concern include:

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