

What do you need to know about your business and stormwater?



Stormwater is one of the leading causes of water pollution. When it rains heavily, water runs off surfaces and collects pollutants like oil, litter, sediments, bacteria, pesticides and other commercial chemicals.

These are then deposited into our waterways, killing aquatic life and making these environments an unhealthy place to live, play and work in.



The most common pollutants from businesses found in stormwater include:

Chemical pollution – e.g. oil, grease, detergent, fertiliser



- ✓ Store chemicals correctly and take your wastes to approved landfill or collection areas
- ✓ Direct wash water onto unsealed ground such as grass, so that it will soak into the ground



- ✗ Don't leave open chemicals where they may be spilt. Dispose of chemicals or wastewater of any kind into stormwater sumps or drains
- ✗ Don't let the water from any exterior washing or water blasting flow to the road and enter the stormwater network

Litter – e.g. plastic bags, food wrappers, cigarette butts



- ✓ Keep your work areas clean



- ✗ Don't allow litter to enter stormwater systems