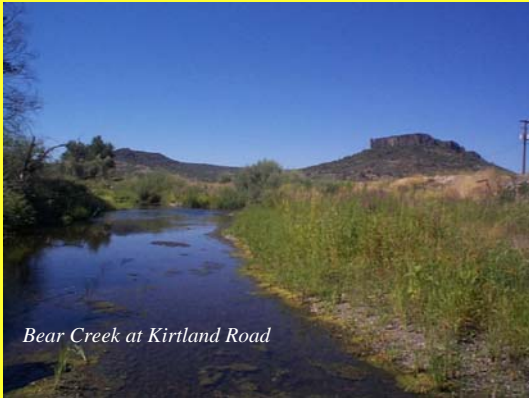


Why is it Important?

Proper disposal of paint waste is important to help keep Bear Creek, the Rogue River, wetlands, and other waterbodies clean.



Bear Creek at Kirtland Road

Local Disposal Options

Jackson/ Josephine Counties

Jackson and Josephine Counties hold an annual collection event. For more information contact :

Rogue Disposal & Recycling, Inc. at 541-779-4161

Ashland Sanitary & Recycling at 541-482-1471

Southern Oregon Sanitation at 1-800-922-1025

Grants Pass Sanitation at 541-479-3371

Additional resources:

Jackson County Recycling Partnership

www.jcrecycle.org

Jackson County Recycling Directory

<http://www.roguesmart.org/directory.html>

For more information or to report concerns contact:

Rogue Valley Sewer Services
138 W. Vilas Road
Central Point, OR. 97502
www.rvss.us
541-664-6300

Agency Contact Information

DEQ Hazardous Waste Technical Assistance—(541) 776-6010 ext. 239

DEQ Solid Waste Issues—(541) 776-6010 ext. 242

Additional Contacts

Ashland - 488-5587 or 488-5305

Medford - 774-2100 or 774-2380

RVCOG Natural Resources Department - 664-6674



Painting Without Polluting



Impacts of Paint



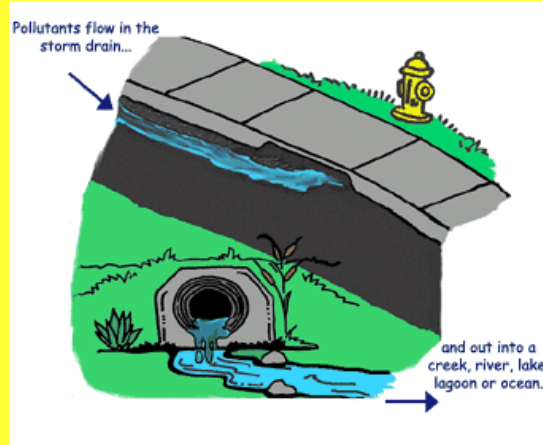
Paints contain toxic substances that can pollute any waterbody including Bear Creek and the Rogue River. These substances include heavy metals and suspended solids.

Effects of paint include:

- Irritating, clogging or destroying the gills of fish.
- Poisoning other animals and plants.
- Contaminating soil and groundwater (if discharged onto land).
- Preventing light from entering the water, making it difficult for animals to find food and for plants to get energy through photosynthesis.

Protecting Storm Drains

Storm drains are located outdoors and intended to collect and transport only relatively unpolluted runoff from rainfall and snowmelt. **Storm drain systems do not treat water before it is discharged directly into streams and rivers.**



Clean Up Do's

- Allow paint solids in used paint solvents to settle. Pour off the clear portion and reuse.
- Dispose of solvents and paint waste at a permitted hazardous waste management facility.
- Pour latex cleanup water down an inside drain that is connected to the wastewater collection system for cleanup.
- Use the least toxic cleanup solvent available.
- Left-over latex paints can be solidified and taken to the landfill or the latex paint can be dried in the sun on plastic, then disposed of at the landfill or in the trash.

Clean Up Don'ts!



- **Don't** pour oil-based or latex waste paint or clean-up materials onto the ground. Groundwater resources need to be protected.
- **Don't** clean paint equipment or pour paint into storm drains, ditches, street gutters, catch basins, dry wells, local creeks, wetlands, or other waterways.
- **Don't** put liquid paint, solvent, or clean-up waste in garbage cans or dumpsters.
- **Don't** pour oil-based paints or solvents down drains.