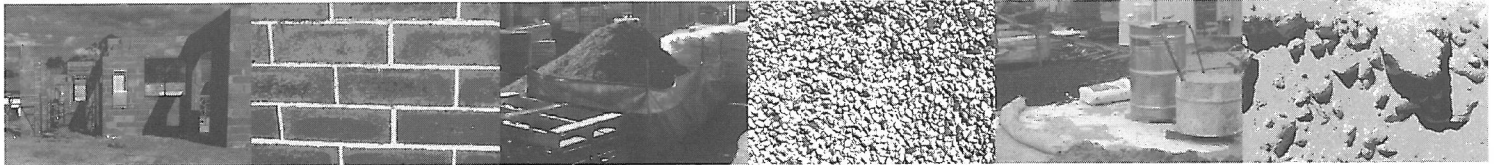


# Painting



## Building A Better Environment

If you are involved in the building industry, you are required to provide the right circumstances necessary to reduce any environmental impact as a result of the building process.

All building work must be carried out in a way to stop the entry of any pollution into the stormwater system.

The following hints are aimed at building activities and trades involved on a typical building site.

## Painting

Paint waste and wash waters must not be discharged into the stormwater system.

Water-based paint cleaning should be diverted into a contained area on site. When dry the paint residue should be placed in a solid waste bin.

Solvents used for clean up of oil-based paints should be filtered for reuse or taken to a waste depot that is licensed to accept these wastes. The paint residue left after filtering should be placed in a solid waste bin.

Unused paint should be kept in the tin or other sealed container and disposed of to a waste depot licensed to receive this waste.

Where possible, rather than washing your brush/roller seal it in an airtight bag for reuse.

**Paint is considered a pollutant. The Environmental Protection (Unauthorised Discharge) Regulations 2004 state that paint must not be discharged into the environment. If found to be in breach of this regulation you can be fined.**

Consider using non-toxic paints with vegetable oil based solvents

Consider using citrus oil based thinners.

## Litter

Ensure all litter is stored on site to prevent any materials from entering the stormwater system or neighbouring land through either wind or water action.

**WARNING: On the spot FINES apply**

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