

# CONCRETE WASHOUT POLLUTION PREVENTION



*Roll-off system for concrete washout.*



*Illegal discharge to storm sewer!*

## CONCERNS

- It is illegal to drain concrete washout into storm sewers and local water bodies.
- Concrete washout if discharged to storm sewers drains to local waterways. It can clog fish gills.
- Because it has a pH of 12, similar to Drano™, it can increase toxicity of other substances causing more issues for aquatic life.
- It contaminates soil and kills plants.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Washout only in designated areas that are lined to contain the wastes and protect soil.
- Have a back-up plan. Carry a storable, expandable washout container in case one is not available on site.



*Chute washout system.*



*Waterproof bags or lined containment.*



*Easily stored, expandable lined box.*



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# WET SAW CUTTING POLLUTION PREVENTION



Wet saw cutting. Photo credit: seekkr.com

## CONCERNS

- It is illegal to discharge concrete cuttings into a storm sewer and waterbodies.
- Wet saw cutting waste has the same pollution concerns as concrete washout shown on the other side of this flyer.
- Cutting is often done near storm drains.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Use storm drain protection when working near storm drains and sloped areas.
- Use absorbent gels to contain the liquid waste. Scoop up waste and dispose of properly.



Inlet protection on a storm drain.



Absorbent gel used on street.



Small vacuums and vac-trucks can be used.



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