



i. STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

- a. **What is storm water?** Storm water is water from rain or melting snow that does not soak into the ground. It flows from rooftops, over paved areas, bare soil, and sloped lawns. As it flows, storm water runoff collects and transports animal waste, litter, salt, pesticides, fertilizers, oil & grease, soil and other potential pollutants.

Keeping storm water clean is important because polluted storm water degrades local creeks, the San Francisco Bay, and the Pacific Ocean. These waterways are habitat to many fish and plant species, and also serve as valuable resources for recreation, commercial and sport fisheries, and industrial and municipal uses.

- b. **Why is storm water pollution prevention important to the Port of Redwood City?**

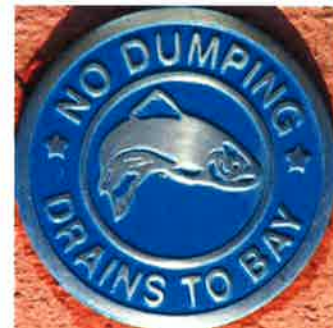
In general, a Port is a highly concentrated industrial area near water. Federal and State regulations require Port's to actively control polluted discharges to receiving waters.



Due to a Port's close proximity to our nation's waterways, Port industries' compliance with storm water requirements has been identified as an emerging national enforcement priority area.

The Port of Redwood City has a variety of facilities within its jurisdiction including bulk cargo terminals, a public marina, boat launch and dry boat storage facility, and facilities associated with the transportation of goods. Many of these industries manage raw and finished materials which pose a threat to storm water quality and downstream receiving waters such as the San Francisco Bay. The Port of Redwood City is actively working with stakeholders (i.e., the general public, tenants, surrounding agencies, and industry associations) to prevent storm water pollution.

- c. **Storm water management helps prevent storm water pollution!** Polluting storm water is against the law; the Port of Redwood City has developed a Storm Water Management Plan to comply with the State Water Resources Control Board *Waste Discharge Requirements for Storm Water Discharges from Small Municipal Storm Sewer Systems* (MS4 General Permit). Whether you are a maritime, recreational or commercial user of



the Port, storm water management and pollution prevention best management practices apply to you! Visit the San Mateo Countywide Water Pollution Prevention Program website at www.flowstobay.org for specific guidelines and resources on how to prevent storm water pollution. A consolidated resource guide can also be downloaded at

<http://www.flowstobay.org/files/bmp/tipcleanerbaydoc.pdf>



ii. HOW TO RECOGNIZE AND REPORT ILLEGAL DUMPING OR DISCHARGES

- a. Nothing besides storm water runoff is allowed to flow into a storm drain. This includes, but is not limited to wash waters, sewage, automotive fluids, construction materials, paint, sediment, and food wastes. Reporting incidents of water pollution such as illegal dumping or discharges helps keep our local creeks, San Francisco Bay, and the Pacific Ocean clean!
- b. When to make a report?
 - i. When you notice unusual odors in or near the storm drain.
 - ii. When you find dumped waste in or near the storm drain.
 - iii. When the drainage system has unusually large flows during dry periods.
 - iv. When you see someone illegally dumping anything into the storm drain.
- c. Note: If you are reporting an emergency situation that could result in imminent or substantial danger to the health and safety of persons, call 911.
- d. Report all other suspected incidents of water pollution by calling (650) 306-4150 or by sending an e-mail to portofrc@redwoodcityport.com *(please provide date and time of report, location of suspected pollution, observed pollutants, and any other comments the observer finds important).*



iii. WE VALUE YOUR INPUT!

- a. If you have any comments, questions, or concerns regarding the Port's Storm Water Management Program, don't hesitate to contact us at (650) 306-4150 or by e-mail at portofrc@redwoodcityport.com
- b. Additionally, the Port hosts numerous meetings and events which are open to the public including:
 - i. Port Commission Meetings
<http://www.redwoodcityport.com/p7iq/html/MeetingSchedule.html>
 - ii. Port Events including Port Fest, Tall Ships visit, regattas, etc.
<http://www.redwoodcityport.com/p7iq/html/Events.html>

iv. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- i. State Water Resources Quality Control Board, www.swrcb.ca.gov
- ii. City of Redwood, Storm Water Program,
<http://www.redwoodcity.org/departments/public-works/storm/storm-water-pollution-prevention>
- iii. San Mateo Countywide Water Pollution Prevention Program,
www.flowstobay.org
- iv. EPA Pacific Southwest, Region 9, Storm Water Compliance Initiatives – Ports, www.epa.gov/region9/water/ports/index.html
- v. Bay Area Stormwater Management Agencies Association,
<http://basmaa.org/>