

BUILDING PAINTING



DON'T DO THIS

Be an Everyday Clean Water Hero!

Be **AWARE**, take **ACTION**, report **ACTIVITIES**
that adversely affect streams, drainage channels and the ocean.

BE AWARE:

Business and property owners are responsible for all activity that occurs on their property, including painting projects performed by contractors. Citations and violations for improper management of potential pollutants, such as paint, chemicals, wash water, or debris can be given to both the property owner and the contractor, or just the property owner. When these pollutants are discharged onto the curb and roadway, they get picked up by storm water that enters the drainage system and discharges into streams and the ocean, endangering public and environmental health.

TAKE ACTION:

- It is best to use a licensed painting contractor
- Schedule painting projects during dry weather.
- Wash water should not go into a neighboring property, into a stream, or into the street. Use a sanitary sewer drain or landscaped area instead (large quantities of discharge to sanitary sewer requires a permit).
- Be sure that all materials are stored on your property. A street usage permit is required for any materials stored on a City right-of-way.
- Use dry methods to prepare surfaces for painting when possible and contain all waste.
- Use water based paints whenever possible.
- Have absorbent and other cleanup materials readily available for spills.
- Store paint, solvents, and other chemicals in original containers and under covered areas with containment to catch any leaks or spills.
- Dry latex and absorb oil based paints prior to disposal in the trash.
- Dispose of all materials properly and follow manufacturer recommendations.

REPORT ACTIVITIES:

City's Environmental Concern Line at **768-3300** or visit
www.cleanwaterhonolulu.com.

