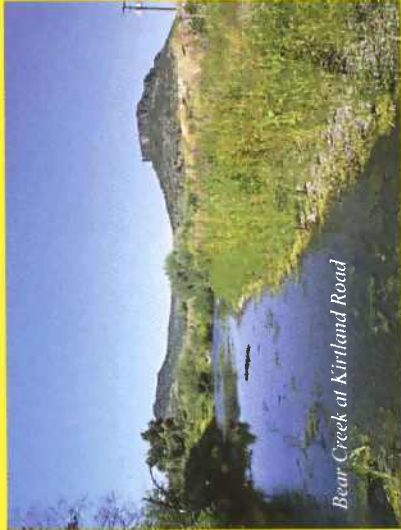


**Why is it Important?**

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



**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](http://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](http://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

**Spills** - Oregon Emergency Response (OERS) 1-800-452-0311

**Additional Contacts**

Ashland - (541) 488-5587 or (541) 488-5305

Medford - (541) 774-2100 or (541) 774-2380

RVCOG Natural Resources Department - (541) 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.

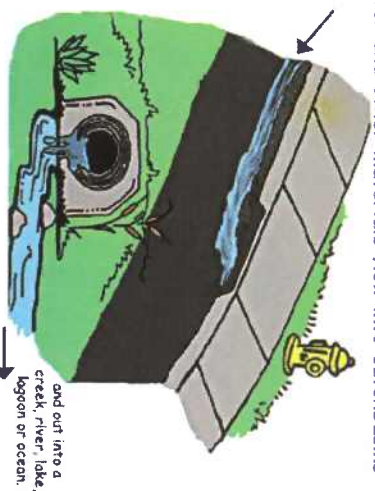
Effects of paint include:

- Irritating, clogging, or destroying the gills of fish.
- Poisoning 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 aquatic plants to get energy through photosynthesis.

## Protecting Storm Drains

Storm drain systems do not treat water before it is discharged directly into streams and rivers.

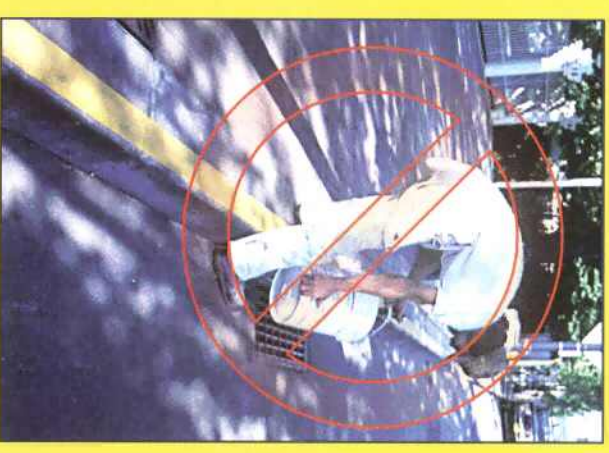
Water and other materials flow into catchbasins



## Clean Up Do's

- Use latex paint or other less toxic alternatives when possible.
- Allow paint solids in used paint solvents to settle. Pour off the clear solvent and reuse.
- Dispose of solvents and unused paint at a permitted hazardous waste management facility.
- Pour latex cleanup water down an inside drain that is connected to the sanitary sewer.
- 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 wood or plastic, then disposed of at the landfill or in the trash.

## Clean Up Don'ts!



- **Don't** pour oil-based or latex 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 sanitary sewers or storm drains.