Building Repair and Construction

- Do not mix up more fresh concrete or cement than you will use.
- Do not dump waste liquids down the storm drain (e.g. cement washout). Washout areas should have containment BMP’s in place, like berms, to prevent washout products from leaving their origin.
- Capture all cleanup-water and dispose of properly.
- Cover nearby storm drain inlets prior to starting work if sand blasting is used to remove paint.
- Keep the work site clean and orderly. Remove debris in a timely fashion. Sweep the area.
- Cover materials of particular concern that must be left outside, particularly during the rainy season. This prevents sediment from entering the storm drain. If sediment enters the storm drains then it can harm aquatic life and disrupt the food chain upon which both fish and people rely.
- Prevent soil erosion by minimizing disturbed areas during construction projects. Seed and mulch bare areas as soon as possible.
- Dispose of leaves, sticks, or other collected vegetation as garbage, by composting or at a permitted landfill. Do not dispose of collected vegetation into waterways or storm drainage systems.
**Painting**

- Do not transfer or load paint near storm drain inlets.
- Plug/berm nearby storm drain inlets prior to starting painting and remove plugs/berms when the job is complete.
- If painting requires scraping or sand blasting, use a ground cloth to collect the chips. Dispose the residue properly.
- Properly dispose of paints containing lead or tributyl tin as they are considered a hazardous waste.
- Cover or enclose painting operations properly to avoid drift.

**Paint Disposal & Recycling**

- Recycle paint when possible. Paint and hazardous waste can be disposed of at either of the following locations:
  - 4600 Colorado Blvd, Glendale 90039. Call (1-800) 988-6942 for more information.
  - 11025 Randall St, Sun Valley 91352. Call (1-800) 988-6942 for more information.
- Alternatively, paint can also be taken back to participating retailers through the Paint Care Program. Visit www.paintcare.org for more details.
- Mix paint indoors before using so that any spill will not be exposed to rain. Do so even during dry weather because cleanup of a spill will never be 100% effective.

**The Storm Drain is Just for Rain!**

Remember to clean water-based paint brushes in the sink, rinse oil-based paint brushes with paint thinner, and take old paint and paint-related products to a Household Hazardous Waste/E-Waste collector.

When L.A. County residents wash their dirty paint brushes under an outdoor faucet, this dirty rinse water flows onto the street, down the storm drain and straight to the ocean — untreated.