

Storm Drains vs. Sewers

Storm Drains

Storm Drains are located outdoors and are intended to collect and transport only relatively unpolluted runoff from rainfall and snowmelt. Storm drain systems do not remove pollutants from water before it is discharged to streams and rivers.



Sanitary Sewer

Sanitary sewers collect wastewater from indoor plumbing such as toilets, sinks, washing machines and floor drains and take it to a sewage treatment plant.

The treatment plant removes many pollutants from wastewater before it is discharged to the river, but is not designed to handle wastes such as unused paint, solvents and other hazardous materials.

Solid Waste

Solid waste landfills accept solid waste and trash. These facilities are not designed to handle liquids or hazardous wastes.

Contractors

Yuba-Sutter Disposal, Inc. offers comprehensive recycling services that can help your business save money. By diverting recyclable commodities from your waste, you could reduce your garbage bill significantly. What does all this mean? Less trash and more cash for your business!

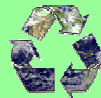
There is no additional charge for commercial recycling services. Removing recyclable materials from your refuse container reduces your costs by decreasing the volume of trash within your cart.

Businesses in Yuba-Sutter know that trash costs are a necessary part of doing business. Many businesses, however, don't realize that there are many things they can do to keep their garbage bill as low as possible.

The Yuba-Sutter communities are mandated by the State of California to divert solid waste going to the landfill by 50%. To date we are exceeding our mandate at 63% diversion. Yuba-Sutter businesses are an important part of the effort to maintain our diversion rate since they generate about 30% of Yuba-Sutter's waste.

Painting Without Polluting

A practical paint disposal and cleanup guide for Yuba County residents and contractors



Recycling is good for the Earth, and it can also do wonders for your bottom line.



Dispose of painting waste

the right way:

Improper disposal of painting wastes is harmful to the environment, hazardous to public health, and violates state law. Waste materials from painting include excess paint, used thinner, cleanup water, and wastes from prep work such as chips and scrapings. Even water-soluble latex paints contain chemicals that are harmful to aquatic life and drinking water supplies.



Paints, solvents, thinners, and waste from prep work may contaminate soil and groundwater if disposed of on the ground or in a septic tank.

The following paint disposal and cleanup guidelines can help you protect the environment and keep you in compliance with the law.

Here's what **NOT** to do with paints and solvents:

Don'ts:

- Don't dispose of leftover paint, containers with free-flowing liquid, used solvents or thinner in storm drains, the sanitary sewer, the trash, on the ground or in septic systems.
- Don't wash brushes and equipment in the gutter or on the ground.
- Don't buy more paint than you think you will use.
- Don't discard spray cans in the trash unless they are empty.
- Don't allow waste from prep work such as water, paint chips, or abrasives to get into the storm drain.

Do's:

- Avoid buying too much paint to begin with. Careful planning can save you money and minimize the need to deal with leftover materials.
- Apply small amounts of leftover paint to the surface of an item to be discarded, allow it to dry thoroughly, then dispose of it in the trash.
- Carefully store leftover paint for future use or give it away to someone who can use it.
- Before cleaning brushes, brush out as much paint as possible.
- Drain and recycle excess paint from spray equipment prior to cleaning with water or solvent.

Oil-based paints and thinners:

- Avoid using oil-based paints. If practical, use latex products instead.
- Use disposable brushes, rollers, trays, and containers, if practical, to avoid using solvents for cleanup. Let them dry thoroughly, then throw them in the trash.
- If practical, reuse thinner. Let particles settle out and pour off clear thinner for reuse. Dispose of the unusable portion as hazardous waste (see recycling).



Lead safe practices:

- Protect yourself, your family, and the environment by using lead-safe practices.
- Contact the **County of Yuba CUPA (Certified Uniform Program Agency) at 749-5450** for information on lead testing and using lead-safe practices when preparing surfaces or performing remodeling activities.
- Avoid the generation of large amounts of wastewater by wet scraping rather than pressure washing.
- Prepare house exteriors by pressure washing only if the house was built after 1978, or if testing shows that the old paint is lead-free. Capture wastewater from pressure washing before it flows to the storm drain. If the paint does not contain lead, the wastewater may be allowed to soak into the soil. Wastewater may also be discharged to the sanitary sewer after paint chips are filtered or settled out.

Recycling:

Residents in the Yuba-Sutter area may recycle at the following locations. These services are free.

Call first to confirm current hours:

Yuba Sutter Household Hazardous Waste
Collection Facility
134 Burns Drive in Yuba City
M-F call (530) 743-6933
Saturdays from 8:00 am-4:00 pm
or call (530) 671-6900

Recology Yuba-Sutter Website:

<http://recologyyubasutter.com/residentialHazardousWaste.htm>

Other drop-off sites can be found on the Paintcare website at:

<http://www.paintcare.org/paintcare-states/california/>