



# Painting and Plastering

If you are involved in the building industry, you are required to provide the circumstances necessary to reduce any adverse environmental impacts as a result of building.

All building work must be carried out in such a way as to stop the entry of any pollution into the stormwater system.

The following guidelines are designed for the various activities and trades involved on a typical building site.

## Painting

Paint waste and wash waters must not be discharged into the stormwater system.

Water-based paint cleaning should be diverted into an onsite contained area lined with newspaper. When the newspaper and paint residue are dry they can be deposited in a solid waste bin.

Oil-based clean up material should be filtered for reuse of the solvent or taken to a waste depot licensed to accept these wastes.

After filtering, place the paint residue in a solid waste bin.

Unused paint should be kept in the tin or other sealed container and disposed of to a waste depot licensed to receive this waste.

## Plastering

Plastering waste and wash waters must not be discharged to the stormwater system.

All residues and wastes from plastering activities should be allowed to dry within a designated contained area on the site.

Solid waste should be disposed of either to a recycling bin onsite or taken to a licensed waste depot.

Solid wastes from plastering such as calcium sulphate can be used as a clay modifier in gardens.

## Entry/exit points

Where possible, restrict vehicle access to one entry/exit point.

Adding gravel to the access point will allow all-weather access, reduce the amount of soil carried off site by vehicles, and provide a permanent base for a driveway.

## Litter

Ensure all litter is stored onsite to prevent any materials from entering the stormwater system by either wind or water action.

## Noise

While construction activity is often noisy, you are required to take steps to prevent or minimise any unreasonable impacts on the local community.

Activities not only relate to construction-related tasks, but also include vehicles parked on roadways and excessive noise from radios and mobile phones.

Regular construction activity should be restricted to between 7am and 7pm Monday to Saturday.

Extremely noisy activities should not occur before 9am in close proximity to residential areas.

**WARNING: \$300 on-the-spot fine may apply.**

## For further information

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