

# PAINTING

## Paints & Stains Pollute

**ONLY** rain down the drain.



All storm drains in Kirkland flow to the nearest creek, lake, or wetland. It is illegal to allow paint, stains, or painting equipment rinse water to enter a storm drain and/or surface and groundwater (KMC15.52). Property owners, paint contractors, and/or other responsible parties can be subject to fines (KMC 1.12.200).

### PAINT CLEAN-UP

- Dispose of rinse water in sink, sanitary sewer clean-out, or toilet
- Never wash equipment or dump rinse water in streets, storm drains, or ditches
- Never leave paint cans or equipment outside

### PAINT DISPOSAL

- Latex and oil-based household paint, stains, and varnish in containers up to 5 gallons in size
  - Recycle for free through PaintCare. Find locations at [paintcare.org/WA](https://www.paintcare.org/WA)
- Paint thinner and stripper
  - Never dispose in trash
  - Dispose at a hazardous waste facility. Find locations at [kingcountyhazwasteWA.gov](https://www.kingcountyhazwasteWA.gov)
- Call the King County Haz Waste Help Line at 206-296-4692 with disposal questions



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## If You Spill... It's Your Responsibility to Promptly Clean Up

- Keep spill clean up materials nearby
  - For home projects, use kitty litter or other absorbent materials
  - Painting professionals should have a spill-kit on-hand
- Call 425-587-3900 to report spills that enter a storm drain. Fines may be reduced or waived if self-reported



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### Need technical assistance or have questions about stormwater pollution prevention?

Visit [kirklandwa.gov/stormwater](http://kirklandwa.gov/stormwater) or contact Kirkland Public Works at 425-587-3800

You must have a City of Kirkland license prior to doing business in Kirkland. Visit [kirklandwa.gov/Business](http://kirklandwa.gov/Business) for more information

# REPORT WATER POLLUTION

Call: (425) 587-3900

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