

Wineries

Wineries, Production Breweries, and Distilleries generate waste products, such as lees, spent grains, and rinse water which can have an extremely high or low pH. If spilled or disposed of improperly these waste products can pollute our local creeks and sewer system, causing harm to the public and the environment. Below are the basic housekeeping practices (also called Best Management Practices) that will help these facilities comply with federal, state, and local requirements to reduce pollution and protect storm water quality.

The most important thing to know about sewers and storm drains is that they are two different systems. When water flows off your property, it flows directly into the storm water drainage system. The storm water drainage system consists of street gutters, inlets, catch basins, and ditches. Many people believe that storm water gets “cleaned” but it does not. Rather, it flows directly into our creeks, rivers, lakes, and the ocean without any treatment at all. Only the water that goes down a sink, toilet, or another inside drain flows to the wastewater treatment plant. Toxic material cannot be discharged to either system.

As a valued member of the local business community, we know that you are invested in protecting the quality of life that your customers, members of the community, and visitors enjoy.

Wastewater Requirements

- All winery, brewery, and distillery facilities in Cotati, Rohnert Park, Santa Rosa, and Sebastopol that discharge to the sewer are required to apply for a Wastewater Discharge Permit with the City of Santa Rosa Environmental Compliance Section. For a Wastewater Discharge Application go to www.srcity.org/generalapp.
- Install a meter at production areas to track production water usage.

- Install a City approved sampling location and solids separator or screening device for all production discharges before they are released to the sanitary sewer.
- It is against sewer code to discharge to the sewer at a pH lower than 5.

Cleaning Equipment

- No outside washing. The cleaning of any equipment, containers, or tanks is prohibited in areas where runoff is to storm drains or waterways. This includes all outside areas as all outdoor drains go to the storm drain system, unless your business has an approved covered wash area.
- Wash all equipment indoors utilizing floor drains equipped with a filter box, solids separator, or other City approved screening device.
- The “solids separator” or screening device needs to be routinely maintained and cleaned to prevent back-ups.

Outside Storage

- Diligent maintenance of the outside storage container is required.
- Containers must be inspected for leaks or spills on a continuous basis, and all plugs must always be in place.
- All storage containers must be sufficiently covered if located outdoors.
- All debris around the container must be swept up and disposed of into the garbage.
- If a spill occurs around the container, it must be swept up or mopped and disposed of into the sanitary sewer or garbage as appropriate.
- Never hose off the area around the container, as debris or other contaminants will end up in a storm drain.

Mobile Bottling Trucks

- It is essential to ensure that any product and/or broken bottles are cleaned up and do not reach the storm drain.
- If the bottling truck is not self-contained, a berm must be placed around the truck to contain any product that may be spilled.
- Any generated wastewater needs to be discharged to inside trench drains.

Keep Your Property Clean

- Check and clean your property regularly.
- Sweep up all debris, including any debris from your parking lot, and never wash it down the storm drain.
- Label storm drain inlets with "No Dumping, Drains to Creek" decals. Contact Storm Water and Creeks at (707) 543-4200 for more information.
- Clean up wet or oily spots with rags and absorbent.
- Pour any mop wash water into an inside drain only.
- Never let power washing or steam cleaning water go to the storm drain. It must be collected and disposed of into a sewer drain.
- Sweep the trash areas daily. Never use a hose in your dumpster or on the pavement.
- Replace damaged dumpsters by calling your garbage company.
- Keep dumpster lids closed to keep rain out and debris in.
- Store materials inside or under a cover so rain and wind don't carry them to the storm drain.

Are You Ready to Respond to a Spill?

- Have a written plan.
- Train all your employees on procedures and equipment use at the facility, correct waste disposal, spill cleanup, and proper agency notification.
- Have your plan and spill cleanup equipment accessible.
- Know how to handle hazardous materials.
- Report hazardous spills.

Santa Rosa Contact Information

- To report a spill call (707) 543-3800.
- To report a hazardous material spill, such as oil or gasoline products call 911 or (707) 528-5151.
- To get information on proper disposal of materials call (707) 565-DESK (3375), or go to www.recyclenow.org.
- To get information on toxics disposal specifically call (707) 795-2025.
- To get information regarding dumpsters contact your garbage company at (707) 568-1478.
- For help implementing these measures or if you have questions about storm water call (707) 543-4200.
- For more information about obtaining a Wastewater Discharge Permit call the Environmental Compliance Section at (707) 543-3369 or visit www.srcity.org/envcompliance.

Do it right! Conduct your business practice to prevent pollution and protect our environment. Releasing pollutants directly into the storm drain system or a waterway violates the City of Santa Rosa's Storm Water and Sanitary Sewer Use Ordinance.



Contact information for businesses outside of Santa Rosa:



City of Cloverdale

Public Works Department

<http://www.cloverdale.net/index.aspx?nid=254>

(707) 894-1792



City of Cotati

Public Works/Engineering Department

<http://www.ci.cotati.ca.us/sections/departments/pw-storm-water.cfm>

During Business Hours: (707)665-3637

After Hours: (707)792-4611

Businesses in Cotati seeking to apply for a wastewater discharge permit should contact the City of Santa Rosa Environmental Compliance Section at 707-543-3369.



City of Fort Bragg

<http://www.co.mendocino.ca.us/planning/stormwater.htm>

(707) 964-5379



City of Healdsburg

Public Works Department

<http://www.ci.healdsburg.ca.us/index.aspx?page=192>

(707) 431-3346



City of Rohnert Park

Public Works Department – Public Safety Dispatch

<http://www.rpcity.org/index.aspx?page=357>

(707) 588-3300

Businesses in Rohnert Park seeking to apply for a wastewater discharge permit should contact the City of Santa Rosa Environmental Compliance Section at 707-543-3369.



City of Sebastopol

Public Works Department for reporting issues

Engineering Department for questions

<http://ci.sebastopol.ca.us/page/water-wastewater-storm-water>

During Business Hours: (707) 823-5331

After Hours: (707) 829-4400

Businesses in Sebastopol seeking to apply for a wastewater discharge permit should contact the City of Santa Rosa Environmental Compliance Section at 707-543-3369.



City of Ukiah

Public Works Department

<http://www.cityofukiah.com/?p=173>

(707) 463-6296



Mendocino County

<http://www.co.mendocino.ca.us/planning/stormwater.htm>



Sonoma County

PRMD Engineering

<http://www.sonoma-county.org/prmd/sw/sw-contact.htm>

<http://www.sonoma-county.org/prmd/sw/sw-spill.htm>

During Business Hours: (707) 565-2502

After Hours: (707) 573-1365 (REDCOM)



Sonoma County Water Agency

Public Works Department – Engineering Division

<http://www.scwa.ca.gov/storm-water/>

During Business Hours: (707) 521-1865



Town of Windsor

<http://www.ci.windsor.ca.us/index.aspx?nid=232>

(707) 838-5340