Unlike the drains outside your business, indoor drains (sinks, toilets, etc.) are connected to the sanitary sewer and lead to a wastewater treatment plant where the water is treated to remove contaminants before it is discharged to local waterways.

Treatment plants are designed to treat human waste. They are NOT designed to handle hazardous waste. Such waste can pass through the plant untreated!

**Stormwater Contacts**
To report a clogged storm drain or illegal disposal:
- Belvedere .............................. 435-3838
- Corte Madera ......................... 927-5069
- County (Unincorporated) .......... 499-3748
- Fairfax ................................. 453-0291
- Larkspur .............................. 927-5028
- Mill Valley ......................... 388-4033 ext. 116
- Novato ................................. 899-8246
- Ross .................................. 453-8287 ext. 163
- San Anselmo ....................... 258-4616
- San Rafael ......................... 485-3435
- Sausalito ............................ 289-4100 ext. 111
- Tiburon ................................ 435-7354

**Wastewater Contacts**
Before discharging any material to a sanitary sewer—with the exception of products that direct the user to do so—call your local wastewater treatment plant for discharge instructions:
- Central Marin Sanitation Agency .......... 459-1455
  Serves San Rafael (below Civic Center), Corte Madera, Greenbrae, Larkspur, Ross, Fairfax, San Anselmo, and Kentfield
- Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District ...... 472-1734
  Serves Civic Center, Terra Linda, Marinwood, Santa Venetia, Rafael Meadows, and Lucas Valley
- Sanitary District #5 of Marin County ....... 435-1501
  Serves Tiburon and Belvedere
- Novato Sanitary District ................. 892-1694
  Serves Novato, Bel Marin Keys, Ignacia, and Black Point
- Sausalito-Marin City Sanitary District .... 332-0244
  Serves Sausalito and Marin City
- Sewerage Agency of Southern Marin ...... 388-2402
  Serves Mill Valley
- Bolinas Community Public Utility District .. 868-1224
  Serves Bolinas

**PREVENTING POLLUTION**
For Gas Stations & Related Businesses

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In Marin, all storm drains lead directly to local creeks and the Bay. Whatever is washed off your site, flows into the street and down local storm drains.

In Marin, there are over 13,000 such storm drains.

To protect local waterways, local ordinances have been adopted that require businesses to take reasonable, practical steps to reduce pollutants from running off their sites (i.e. parking lots, outdoor work areas, etc.). This brochure will help keep you in compliance with local laws.

### Preventing Pollution in:

#### Fuel Dispensing Areas
- Maintain these areas by using dry cleanup methods (such as sweeping) for removal of litter or debris; or, using rags and absorbents for leaks and spills. When you clean this area, use a damp cloth on the pumps and a damp mop of the pavement – rather than using a hose. If you spray water from a hose in this area, the water mixes with drips on fuel, oil, etc. and becomes an illegal discharge to the storm drain.
- Keep a spill response kit around!
- “Spot clean” leaks and drips regularly with an absorbent material (e.g. pad, kitty litter, etc.) As long as the material does not become saturated, it can be disposed as a non-hazardous waste. If the material becomes saturated from a spill, the absorbent must be disposed as a hazardous waste. Marin businesses should call 485-5648. In Novato, businesses should call 892-6395.
  *For large spills, contain the spill and call 911.*
- Fit fuel dispensing nozzles with automatic shutoffs - except where prohibited by local fire departments.
- Post signs at the fuel dispenser or fuel island warning vehicle owners/operators against “topping off” of vehicle fuel tanks.
- Train all employees on proper methods for handling and disposing of waste. Make sure they understand that it is illegal to wash any contaminant (dirt, oil, trash, etc.) into a storm drain.
- Label drains within your facility with a “No Dumping - Drains to Bay” stencil. They can be borrowed, free of charge, from the Marin County Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program by calling 499-6528.
- Inspect and clean, if necessary, all storm drain inlets within your facility boundary before October 1st of every year (prior to the rainy season).

#### Air/Water Supply Area

- Spot clean leaks and drips routinely to prevent runoff.
- Consider at least one of the following: Install a roof over the air/water area to prevent stormwater from entering and overflowing.
  Grade and pave the area, or install a berm around the area, to contain stormwater that may enter the area. (If this option is chosen, you will need to have a plan to dispose of any contaminated water.)
- Use and maintain drip pans under waste receptacles.
- Don’t allow customers to change their oil or work on their cars on your site. This could send oil and other pollutants into the storm drain system when it rains. (Unless you wipe up drips and spills, they stay on the ground until the first rain when they are washed into local creeks and the Bay.)
- Don’t wash cars in your parking lot where water is likely to flow into a storm drain. Water should be drained to a landscaped area or a sanitary sewer system. Call your local wastewater treatment plant before discharging into the sanitary sewer.

### CAR WASH FUNDRAISERS

If you are requested to host a car wash fundraiser, have the group making the request contact the Marin County Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program at 499-6528 for information on environmentally-friendly car washing. Soap—even biodegradable—is harmful to aquatic life.