

## In Summary

Waste cement washout is highly alkaline and very toxic to fish and other aquatic organisms. It also contains sediment that coats the stream bed and destroys habitat. These materials can degrade local waters when allowed to flow into the storm drainage systems. Unlike sanitary sewers, storm drains are not connected to a treatment plant. This water ultimately flows into our local waterways.

Anyone caught discharging anything but rain into the storm drain is subject to penalties and/or fines, plus the cost of clean up.

Please help stop storm water pollution at the source.



Remember

Only rain in the drain

## Contact Information

To report a spill during regular business hours (M-Fri 8:00AM-4:30PM) contact: Alpine City Public Works at 801-763-9862.

To report a spill after hours contact: Jed Muhlestein at 801-473-0076

For waste disposal questions contact: Utah County Health Division at 801-851-7525 or visit the following website:  
<http://www.utahcountyonline.org/dep/Health/hhw/>

For general storm water program information contact the Storm Water Quality Program Manager at 801-763-9862 or check out our website:  
<http://alpinecity.org/engineer-public-works>

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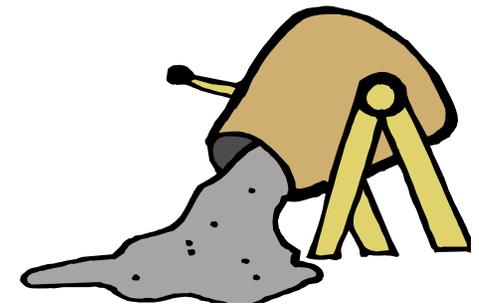


## Cement

## Washout



## Alpine City Storm Water Division



This brochure has been prepared to educate the general public about ways to improve the quality of storm water runoff that ultimately discharges to Utah Lake and/or local groundwater aquifers.

## What is Storm Water?

In open fields, forests, and wetlands, most rain is absorbed by the soil or taken up by plants and trees. In developed areas, rain or snow that falls on impermeable roofs, parking lots, and streets is not absorbed into the ground. This precipitation (called storm water or storm water runoff) enters local water bodies through drainage systems.



## Why Should I care about storm water?

According to U.S. EPA National Water Quality Inventory, polluted storm water runoff is a leading cause of impairment to U.S. water bodies that do not meet water quality standards. This discharge can destroy fish, wildlife, and aquatic life habitats; lessen aesthetic value; and threaten public health with contaminated food, drinking water supplies, and recreational waterways. Unlike pollution from sewage treatment plants, storm water pollution comes from many different sources. Storm water runoff can dissolve, pick up and transport many types of household products that cause this pollution.

## Washout Tips

Never dispose of concrete washout into the street, storm drains, drainage ditches or streams.

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Use a minimum of water to wash out the chute, finishing tools, wheel barrows and other equipment.

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Secure bags of cement after they are open. Be sure to keep windblown cement powder away from gutters, storm drains, and runoff.

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Place concrete washout in an approved designated washout area.

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## Washout Tips

Place all excess concrete in small piles where it can be disposed of as solid waste when dry.

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When you pour concrete, you are responsible for the cleanup of all residue and leftover concrete. If the city must dispose of it, you will be billed accordingly.

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