

Reporting Spills

An illicit discharge or “spill” is any release of non-storm water discharge into the City’s storm drain system. If you observe a spill or other discharge of material within the City of Sebastopol, in a City street, or flowing to a street, ditch, storm drain or creek, you should report it as soon as possible so that the City can quickly respond. The appropriate City personnel will investigate, contain, clean up, document, and report on all reported spills.

You may report spills in the following ways:

EMERGENCIES - ALL HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SPILLS - CALL 911

Hazardous materials may include motor oil, gasoline and diesel, and chemicals or other toxic substances.

NON-HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SPILLS

Commonly reported non-hazardous materials include sanitary sewer overflows, paint, gray, milky or soapy water, silt and mud, dirt and concrete.

During regular business hours call the Public Works Department

Mondays through Thursdays, 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Public Works Department, **707-823-5331**

Outside regular business hours call the Police Department

Evenings, Fridays, Weekends and Holidays

Sebastopol Police Department, **707-829-4400**

Comments and Questions

Non-urgent inquiries and questions about the City’s Storm Drain System may be directed by e-mail to sebpw@cityofsebastopol.org. This address is monitored only during regular business hours and will be answered as soon as possible. **E-mail is NOT recommended for reporting spills.**

When is it NOT a spill?

Certain activities and occurrences are exempt when properly managed. These do not need to be reported as spills. If you aren’t sure, contact us during regular business hours or e-mail sebpw@cityofsebastopol.org with your question. Some examples of exempt activities are runoff from residential car-washing; irrigation runoff; uncontaminated pumped ground water; water from crawl space pumps; air conditioning condensation.