

Environmental Insight



Stormwater & You



Stormwater is a leading cause of poor water quality

Rainwater runs down driveways, parking lots, sidewalks, and streets carrying oil, dirt, and other pollutants into nearby waterways. Polluted runoff can degrade plants, fish, shellfish, and other wildlife and also impair the waterbody for recreational uses.

You have a role to play in reducing the amount of pollution from stormwater that runs into streams and lakes. The way you manage your property, your vehicle, your pet’s waste, and your garbage will affect pollution from stormwater run-off. **So what can you do?**

- Yard waste, such as leaves and grass clippings, should not wash into storm drains because it disrupts the natural balance of local water bodies and streams. Compost or mulch yard waste so it doesn’t go into storm drains or streams. Cover piles of dirt or mulch.
- Use commercial car washes because they treat or recycle the wash water.
- Don’t dump vehicle fluids on the street or in a storm drain. Contact Environmental for questions about disposal of vehicle fluids.
- Clean up after your dog. Leaving pet waste on the ground increases public health risk because stormwater can wash pet waste bacteria into nearby waterways.
- Recycle or properly dispose of your waste carefully. Refer to your installations Integrated Solid Waste Manager or Hazardous Waste Manager for questions.

Ask your co-workers if they have thought about stormwater before, and how your team’s work could affect the quality of run-off from your work into near-by water bodies.

MS4 Education Materials

A large part of our MS4 Stormwater Permit is public outreach and education. You will notice some outdoor stormwater signage and indoor postings around the base which is meant to educate and remind base personnel of the Navy’s commitment to stormwater compliance. The intent is to provide positive reinforcement as well as provide our contact information for reporting spills. Our program has both the pictured magnets available for posting on refrigerators in your command. If a command representative would like to come by and pick some up, please let us know so we can arrange a time to meet you. Please help us keep these magnets attached to refrigerators and postings posted. EWCCs are our conduit to the tenant commands on base, and your support of our environmental programs goes a long way in ensuring your command’s understanding and compliance. If you need additional magnets or replacements, please let us know.



Environmental Policy and Plans as well as previous Newsletters are located at:

<https://cnrnw.cnic.navy.mil/Installations/NS-Everett/Operations-and-Management/Environmental-Support-and-Compliance/>

NSE Environmental Staff

Environmental Office: (425) 304-3470

Program	Phone
Spills	(425) 304-3465
Natural Resources	(425) 304-3464
Stormwater, Wastewater, & UST/AST	(425) 304-3277
Air & Drinking Water	(425) 304-3466
Recycling	(425) 304-3071
Hazardous Waste	(425) 304-5987

Hazardous Waste

Why is proper waste management important?

1. Hazardous waste is a threat to human health, safety, and the environment. Therefore, you must handle and dispose of it in a way that protects people and our environment.
2. Some wastes pose hazards like ignitability, corrosivity, reactivity, or toxicity and must be segregated properly prior to disposal.
3. You are legally and financially responsible for managing your hazardous waste properly. Never throw hazardous waste away in the trash or flush it down the drain.
4. The Navy is required to minimize hazardous waste and comply with all State and Federal regulations.

How do I know if I have hazardous waste?

1. If your command uses hazardous products, you probably have hazardous waste.
2. If you discard any types of waste from solvents, paints, adhesives, oil, antifreeze, disinfectants, fertilizers, pesticides, light bulbs, batteries, shop towels and many others you most likely have hazardous waste.
3. Products labeled with Danger, Flammable, Warning, Poison, or Caution must be disposed of properly.



What do I do with my waste?

1. The first and best option for the Navy and the environment is to minimize waste by limiting what we order through the supply system, changing to a less or non-hazardous product, and reusing or recycling materials.
2. All hazardous material should be screened for reuse, shelf life extension through the HAZMIN Center before being turned in to the Hazardous Waste Facility located at building 2150.
3. A Waste Inventory List/ Waste Information Sheet (WIL/WIS) will need to be filled out. Use the WIL to make a list of all waste streams turned in. Mark each container with the corresponding number on the WIL.
4. The WIS is used if there are two or more products in one of the waste streams (such as: paints & solvents, oily & greasy rags, fuel & water mix, etc.) or if more information is required than provided for in the WIL.
5. A current Safety Data Sheet (SDS), or HMIRS PS#, is needed for each item.
6. All containers must be in good condition, clean, closed, and properly identified.
7. Trash is not allowed in any container. Detailed hazardous waste turn-in procedures can be found in the Naval Station Everett Hazardous Waste Management Plan which is available through your NSE Environmental Office

Holiday Recycling Tips



REDUCE:

DON'T OVERDO IT!

Studies show about 40% of U.S. food goes to waste. Due to smaller groups getting together for the holidays, scale your cooking plans to fit your needs and/or cook food that you enjoy as leftovers. Also, use your good dinnerware and minimize the use of plastic, paper and foam. The planet will appreciate your extra effort!

If you have used cooking oil, you may bring it to building 2331 to be recycled.

REUSE:

MAKE YOUR OWN DECORATIONS

Instead of buying ornaments, cards, wreaths, décor for around the house, make them! Try reusing cardboard, paper, finding some plants, leave or flowers outside and get creative. It is an especially great activity for kids!

WRAPPING PAPER

If you still receive a newspaper, or have some brown paper bags from the grocery store, you can turn those into great wrapping paper. Saving and reusing gift bags and packaging material also reduces waste, time and money purchasing new materials.

You may recycle packaging material, and giftwrap at building 2331.

RECYCLE:

HELP OUT YOUR GUESTS

If you have a small gathering for the holidays help out your guests by placing a recycle bin next to the trash bin to keep recyclables separate.

— BREAK —

Illegal Use of On-Base Dumpsters/Littering. Per NAVSTA EVERETTINST 5560.1F: "Transporting refuse from off-base for disposal within on-base dumpsters is prohibited....On-base dumpsters are for official use only and shall not be used for disposal of personal refuse...." The Integrated Solid Waste Program is seeing an increase of illegal dumping at Naval Station Everett. This poses a safety risk to our operators as well as potential damage to the collection and compacting equipment. Do not bring personal refuse to the base. If your command has generated any bulky waste or has large items for disposal, please call Denise at the ISW Office (425) 304-3071 for proper guidance. These items should not be placed into any green dumpster.



Natural Resources

For your awareness, the highly pathogenic avian influenza has now been detected in dead harbor seals. No one is authorized to handle bird or marine mammal carcasses on base. Please help us keep everyone safe and call the Contract Official Representative at (425) 304-3665.



Help keep wildlife wild and healthy. Please do NOT feed wildlife on base such as ducks, geese, gulls, raccoons, rabbits, squirrels, etc.. One way you can help reduce wildlife conflicts with people is by not feeding wildlife near human populations.