

# Improve your home without harming your community.

When completing a painting project, many residents wash off paintbrushes under an outdoor faucet. Toxic paint products rinsed or dumped outside can result in a health threat to your neighborhood and waters. These products can run off into storm drains, leading to pollution of your community and local waterways. When cleaning up after a painting project, prevent pollution by following these easy steps:

- ❑ Never dump paint or related products into the gutter or storm drain.
- ❑ Clean water-based paint from brushes in any sink, never outside with a hose.
- ❑ Clean oil-based paint from brushes with paint thinner, which can be filtered and reused.
- ❑ Donate unused paint to local anti-graffiti organizations or reuse it for touch ups.
- ❑ Take unwanted paint or related products to a local Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center or Event.

To learn more ways to keep your neighborhood and waters healthy and clean, visit [www.waterboards.ca.gov/education](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/education).

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