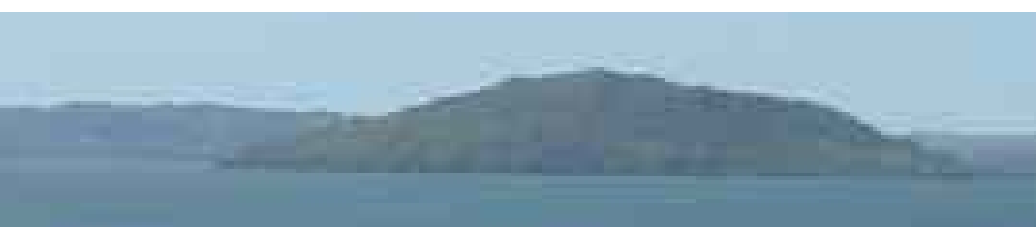


What's in it for you?

- ▶ Protect council's stormwater drains.
- ▶ Greater awareness of the impact of water-blasting on the environment.
- ▶ Good business management, including a reduction of your business's environmental impacts, and creating potential marketing opportunities to showcase your business's environmental performance.
- ▶ Compliance with legal and environmental responsibilities thus avoiding fines and other penalties.
- ▶ A cleaner work environment and improved efficiency from less time spent cleaning up discharges from increased staff awareness and training.
- ▶ Conservation of the environment which increases company pride and improves corporate image.
- ▶ The knowledge that you are no longer polluting waterways and threatening your's or other's leisure activities including swimming, fishing and boating.



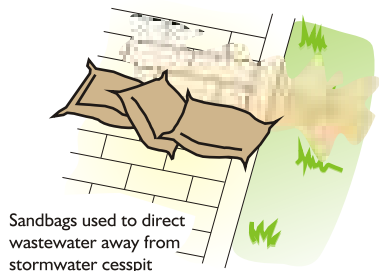
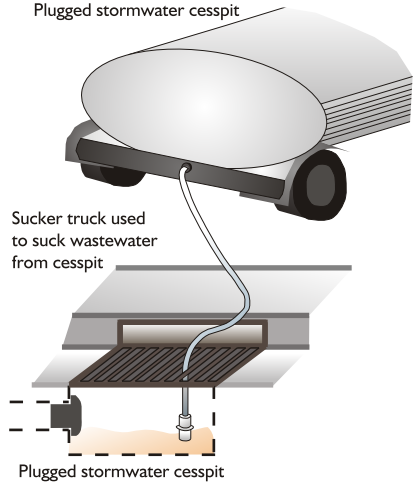
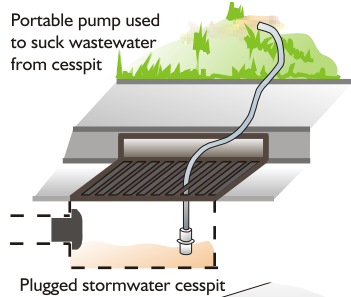
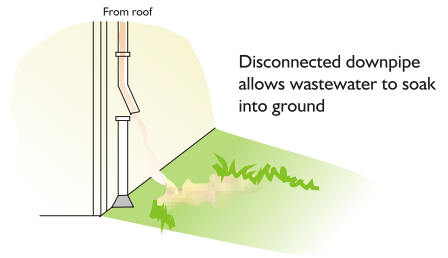
BOTTOMLINE

If you or your staff discharge contaminants (including water-blasting water) to the stormwater system, you are exposing yourself to serious financial and legal risk, as well as unnecessarily harming our environment.

Before you start work...

When cleaning or water-blasting roofs disconnect downpipes and install pipes that allow wastewater to be directed to an appropriate soakage area on-site (e.g. Lawn or garden), holding tank for appropriate off-site disposal.

Have equipment available that can be used to contain or divert wastewater.



During and after exterior cleaning or water-blasting ensure that:

- ▶ Wastewater generated from water-blasting activities using water and cleaning chemicals is discharged onto unsealed ground where it can soak in, providing there is no runoff to the council's stormwater drainage system(Kerb and Channel) or directly into waterways.
- ▶ If diversion to grass is inappropriate then the water may drain along the gutter to a stormwater cesspit that has been plugged. The water can then be pumped/bucketed out either to unsealed ground, to the sanitary sewer or to a holding tank to be taken away for appropriate disposal. There are a number of relatively inexpensive and easily portable pumps available. Ensure the solids produced by the water-blasting activities are collected and disposed of appropriately.
- ▶ All wastewater and particulate matter generated by water-blasting that may contain chemicals such as paint stripper, degreaser, hypochlorite or other algacides, lead based paints or metal coatings, must be collected and disposed of appropriately as a trade waste and not into council's stormwater drains.

