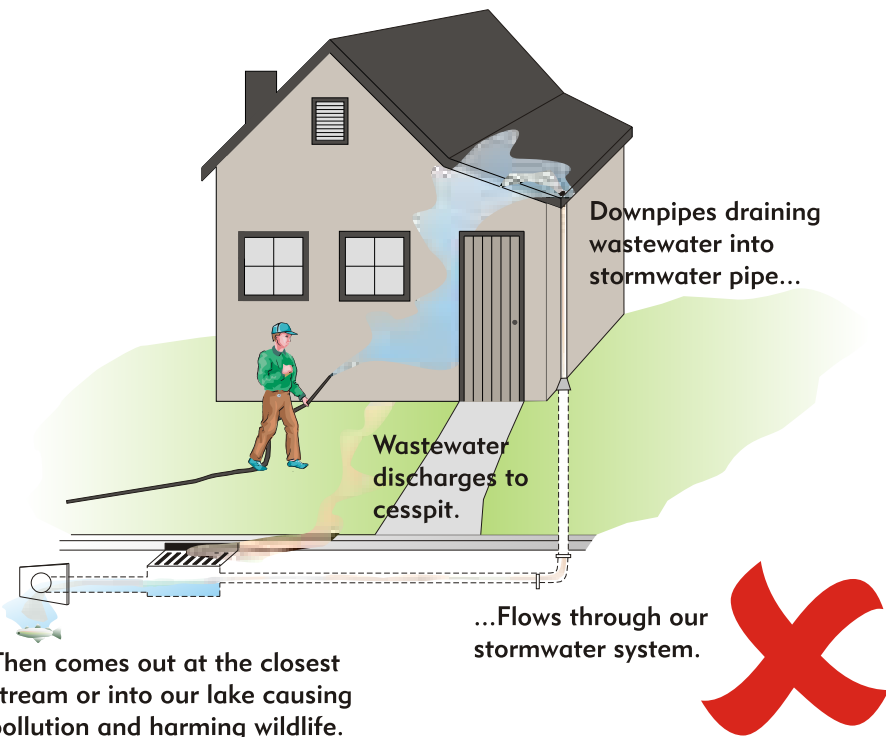


# Options for consideration when assessing your exterior cleaning and water-blasting activities:

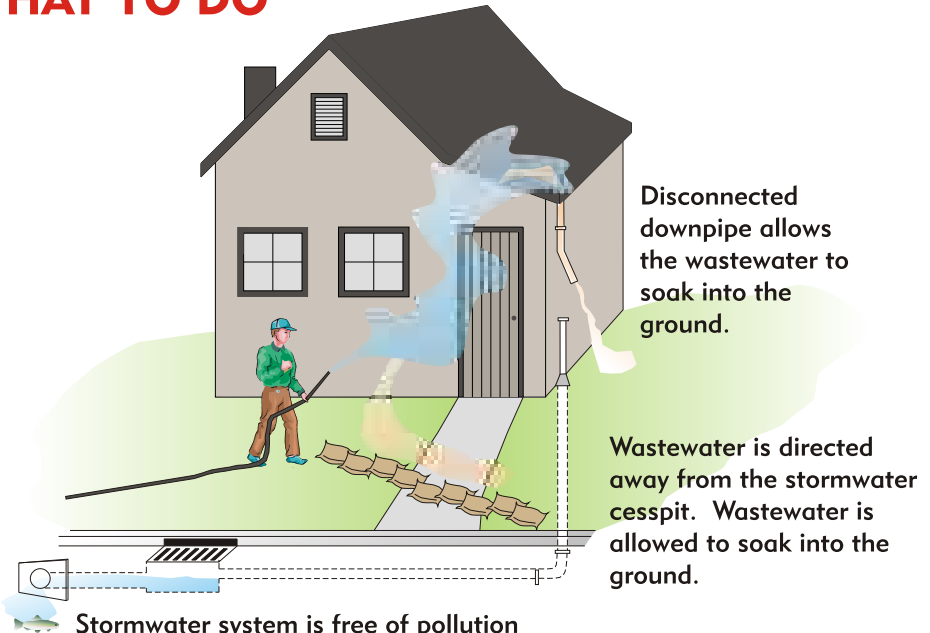
## SITE PREPARATION

Assess the site with care when quoting for a job. Determine any potential problems before you begin and ensure you can do the job successfully while protecting the council's stormwater drains and the environment and complying with your legal responsibilities. Before starting, ensure that appropriate measures are in place to contain any waste runoff for appropriate disposal.

## WHAT NOT TO DO



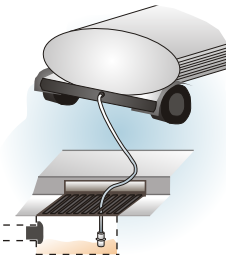
# WHAT TO DO



Disconnected downpipe allows the wastewater to soak into the ground.

Wastewater is directed away from the stormwater cesspit. Wastewater is allowed to soak into the ground.

Stormwater system is free of pollution and our local streams and our lake remain healthy.



Plugged stormwater cesspit

Alternatively, you may get permission from the council's pollution control officers to plug the stormwater cesspit - then pump it out onto the grass, or into a sucker truck.



# Training of Staff...

- ▶ Educate your employees/franchisees on proper wastewater disposal methods and provide incentives to ensure that they use these practices in the field.
- ▶ Ensure your company has in place a Spill Response Plan that details what to do in the event of a spill.
- ▶ Provide employees/franchisees with spill response materials so that spills and unauthorised discharges can be cleaned up appropriately. If you cannot clean up the discharge, make other arrangements with a suitable company to ensure the spill is cleaned up without entering the storm water system.

## I only drain rain!



## REMEMBER:

- ★ Even small quantities of seemingly harmless materials can damage the environment.
- ★ It is **ILLEGAL** to cause or allow water, land or air pollution.
- ★ Always have a current, site specific Spill Response Plan, with equipment handy and your staff well trained to act immediately on a spill.

## At home...

- ▶ If you must water-blast your property for example; steps, driveway or equipment, then direct the wastewater so the run-off soaks into the ground, or take equipment to a commercial wash facility so that all wastes go to the sanitary sewer.
- ▶ Never use solvents or degreasing agents when discharging your wastes onto the ground.
- ▶ By making a few simple changes to the way you carry out your daily practices, you will help contribute to a pollution free environment for us all to enjoy both now and in the future.