

Dirty stormwater means dirty beaches

The Body Corporate can play a big role in keeping our beaches cleaner

To the Body Corporate,

With the support of the State Government's Stormwater Trust, Waverley Council and the University of NSW are working together to improve our local waterways. We are looking at how residents' attitudes, knowledge and behaviour affect stormwater pollution in your local area.

Stormwater transports anything (water, leaves, garden waste, soil, litter, fertilisers and pesticides, etc) that is sitting on the ground and in gutters. Stormwater sweeps this into drains when it rains, and eventually it all ends up in our oceans and on our beaches.

So far we have looked at the community's behaviour and found out what is polluting our stormwater. Now we are giving this information back to the community and showing you practical ways you can improve stormwater quality.

As the Body Corporate you can play an important role by doing a few small things around your building:

- Keeping your waste and recycling storage areas clear of litter
- On garbage day, making sure paper and other rubbish can't be blown down the street
- Washing your car on the grass verge so that suds and dirty water flow onto the grass instead of down the street gutters
- Making sure leaves, grass clippings and sand don't get into the street gutters.

Please find two enclosed letters. We would like you to pass on the first to your gardener and/or maintenance person so that they can also help reduce stormwater pollution. We also ask that you to pass on the second letter to people who rent in your building.

Owners in your building will soon receive an Action Letter from us, which is being sent to all residents in the Bronte study area. This letter gives practical ways to reduce stormwater pollution in your area and more details about the study. You and your local community can make your waterways cleaner and healthier without spending a cent. Just thinking about how you put out the garbage, wash your car and clean up your garden keeps pollution out of the ocean.

Remember: "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure". It's better to prevent pollution today than spend a fortune trying to clean it up tomorrow.

Want to know more?

If you would like further information about what you can do to help make Bronte stormwater safer and cleaner, please contact:

- Waverley Council Environmental Services on 9369 8000
- EPA Pollution Line 131555, email info@epa.nsw.gov.au or visit www.epa.nsw.gov.au
- Roberta Ryan at UNSW on 9385 3541 for information about this project

Thank you for your participation & caring about your environment!

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