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Environment Protection Authority (EPA) information line
131 555 or email info@epa.nsw.gov.au

Sydney Water
13 20 92 or email on.tap@sydneywater.com.au

Waste Service NSW (for information on disposing of commercial waste responsibly)
1300 651 116

The Bronte Catchment Project
9387 2024 or email talkBronte@elton.com.au

The Bronte Catchment Project is a Waverley Council initiative and is supported by local community groups such as Keep Bronte Beautiful; Bronte, Bronte Beach, and Charing Cross Precinct Committees; Bronte Gully and Calga Reserve Bushcare Groups and the Bronte Surf Life Saving Club. The Bronte Catchment Project is hosted by Elton Consulting as a non-profit project and managed by Associate Director, Roberta Ryan. This project has been assisted by the NSW Government through its Stormwater Trust program.
Council is not just talking to businesses. They have also been talking to people who live in and use the area. Information has been circulated to residents, schools, community groups, sporting groups and visitors to Bronte.

**What you can do to prevent stormwater pollution in Bronte**

Here are some simple ways of stopping pollution of the stormwater near your business:

- Keep the footpath, gutter and the external areas near your business free of pollutants. Ensure that no waste water, litter, oil or other pollutants from your business are allowed to enter the stormwater drains.

- Ensure that internal drains on your premises can connect to the sewer, not to stormwater. Speak to Sydney Water to find out about requirements.

- Ensure that uncontaminated rainwater is directed from potentially contaminated areas, such as storage and washing areas, and does not flow across them.

- Managing the waste that your business produces is important to ensure that chemical, liquids for disposal and general rubbish do not impact on the stormwater system.

- If you are storing chemicals or other liquids for disposal, they must be stored in a covered, bunded area.

- Make sure you place your rubbish in a bin and keep the lid on the bin closed at all times.

- When washing or hosing garbage bins, mats and crates outside always sweep before hosing and never hose pollutants into the street gutter.

**What is Stormwater?**

Stormwater is rainwater that flows across outside surfaces into stormwater drains or directly into Bronte Beach. When it rains, the Bronte Catchment area is drained by natural water courses and the stormwater system. Stormwater picks up and carries pollution from around your business and streets on to Bronte Beach.

**Stormwater – uncontaminated rainwater only!**

If rainwater becomes contaminated with pollutants such as grease, oil, food waste, paint or litter it can kill fish and other water life in Bronte Beach and seriously pollute the water. Keeping it clean is important.

**What Waverley Council is doing to prevent stormwater pollution in Bronte**

Waverley Council is reviewing ways in which it can ensure policies, planning and actions help prevent stormwater pollution. Waverley Council wants to hear and address the concerns of businesses as important community stakeholders in Bronte Catchment.