

City of Perth - Guidelines for better management of Urban Stormwater for Residential Properties

These guidelines provide information on simple practices that can be employed to prevent contamination of the stormwater system by residential properties especially where storm water from the premises is discharged into Council's storm water drainage system. Only rainwater is allowed to enter the stormwater drainage system. Anything other than rainwater will pollute the receiving water bodies.

1. Used water from inside residential properties is wastewater. Wastewater and must not be discharged into stormwater drains. This includes water from swimming pools, air conditioners, window washing, car washing and mop cleaning. Wastewater that meet Water Corporations requirement should be directed to the sewer.
2. Litter and sediment should be swept and disposed off in waste bins/or recycled and not washed into drains.
3. Bins should be washed in the designated bin wash area on the premises. Waste bins should not be allowed to overflow. Unsecured wastes can be blown into the stormwater drains and cause local flooding.
4. Cardboard, paper, bottles and other materials that can be recycled should be recycled.
5. Compliance with Health Act 1911 and Environmental Protection Act 1986 with regards to Waste Management and discharges into the environment. (Further information can be obtained from Environmental Health Services on 9461 3218).