

CONSTRUCTION FOR HOMEOWNERS



Be an Everyday Clean Water Hero!

Be AWARE, take ACTION, report ACTIVITIES that adversely affect streams, drainage channels and the ocean.

BE AWARE:

Homeowners are responsible for all activity that occurs on their property, including construction projects. Citations and violations for improper management of potential pollutants, such as sediment, concrete residue, or construction debris can be given to both the property owner and the contractor, or just the property owner. When these pollutants get picked up by storm water they enter the drainage system and are deposited directly into streams and the ocean, where they can endanger coral reefs and aquatic plants by clouding the waters and blocking the sunlight needed to survive.

TAKE ACTION:

- Discuss with your contractor how they will prevent construction debris, concrete, and soil sediment from leaving your property.
- Sediment should not go into a neighboring property, into a stream, or onto the street.
- Have your contractor store all materials on your property.
- Do not stockpile materials on sidewalks and roadways. If the use of the City right-of-way is necessary, a street usage permit is required. For more information about this permit, visit www1.honolulu.gov/dts/usage/street.htm.
- Contain stockpiles using sediment barriers or tarp covers to prevent rain from eroding the stockpile and carrying away sediment.
- Make sure your contractor keeps work areas clean by sweeping up waste and debris daily, especially the roadway and sidewalk adjacent to your construction site.
- Store paint, solvents, and other chemicals in original containers and under covered areas with containment to catch any leaks or spills.
- Encourage your contractor to recycle construction waste to minimize trash that goes to the landfills.

REPORT ACTIVITIES:

City's Environmental Concern Line at 768-3300 or visit www.cleanwaterhonolulu.com

