



Preventing fines and citations through best management practices

There are many ways to wash and dispose materials properly, but **the most important thing you can do** is be aware of your surroundings and make sure concrete is never left in a place that can drain into a street or storm drain.

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Fish can't swim in concrete.



Washing concrete directly into a river, stream, lake or wetland area is against the law. Whenever concrete or other products like plaster are washed into streets or ditches, they also go straight into the local river or lake. Waste concrete washout is highly toxic to fish and other aquatic organisms. It also contains sediment that coats the stream bed and destroys habitat.

Keep local waters blue and **prevent fines and citations** by practicing best management of concrete truck washing and concrete disposal.

Washing

The best option is to wash at the concrete plant.

- Never wash out concrete trucks into storm drains, open ditches, streets or streams.
- Perform concrete truck washout in designated areas only, at least **50 feet** from storm drains, open ditches or water bodies.
- Watch the weather. Cover the containment area before it rains.



Other Operations

- Avoid mixing excess amounts of fresh concrete.
- Load concrete trucks in a way that minimizes airborne dust emissions. Totally enclose the loading bay during the loading process and dry wash after loading.
- Inspect disposal area and notify supervisor if any leaks, overflows or damage is visible or if the container is **75% full**.
- Collect and return sweepings to aggregate base stockpiles or dispose in the trash.
- Clean up concrete spills immediately to prevent them from entering storm drains. Use dry clean-up methods, such as absorbent materials, sweeping, dust collection vacuum, wiping, etc.
- Know the company spill protocol and who to contact in case of a spill.

Prevent fines and citations and keep local waters blue by following these washing, storing and disposal tips.