

The Drain is Just for Rain

Everyone has a role to play in managing stormwater to protect the Molonglo and Queanbeyan rivers.

Chemical storage

The drain is just for water. Chemicals, oils, paints and litter don't belong there.

- Contain all chemicals in an appropriately designed bund.
- Store chemicals in closed, labelled containers.
- To maintain the capacity of bunds, empty them of liquid (including rainwater) and dispose of the liquid lawfully.

Washdown areas

Washing vehicles and equipment in appropriate areas will keep particles and soap out of the river.

- Install and use dedicated washdown areas that don't lead to stormwater drains.
- Use a low-phosphorus detergent, sparingly.

General housekeeping

What we do at home and at work can affect the water that runs off our streets and into our rivers.

- Keep your site tidy.
- Have a licensed plumber regularly inspect valves, pumps, pipes and hoses.
- Drop off old or unused chemicals to Community Recycling Centres.
- Pick up any litter that has fallen on the ground after bin collection.



For further information on how you can protect our waterways, follow the QR code below.

Report all pollution incidents, including poor sediment control, to your local council or contact NSW Environment Line on 131 555.



Photo

Staff of Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council and the EPA checking water quality in the Molonglo River, Queanbeyan.
Photo: Carlie Armstrong/NSW EPA

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