



Be water wise.

Painting

STORMWATER
Division



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The city's storm drains system conveys unfiltered stormwater runoff directly into Hot Springs creeks, and ultimately into Lake Hamilton. Paint (even latex), solvents and wash waters can cause great harm to aquatic life. Anything other than approved non-stormwater discharges that enters into the storm sewer system is considered illicit and is a violation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Water Act and city ordinance.

What homeowners and painting contractors can do to help

Avoid buying too much paint. Careful planning can save money and reduce the need to dispose of leftover product.

Avoid using solvents for clean-up. Use disposable brushes, rollers, trays and containers. Allow them to dry and dispose of them in the trash.

Before cleaning brushes, brush out as much paint as possible.

Never dispose of excess paint, wash waters or solvents into a storm drain.

Educate employees to follow these practices.

**Together, we can keep
Arkansas creeks and rivers the
most beautiful in the country!**

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