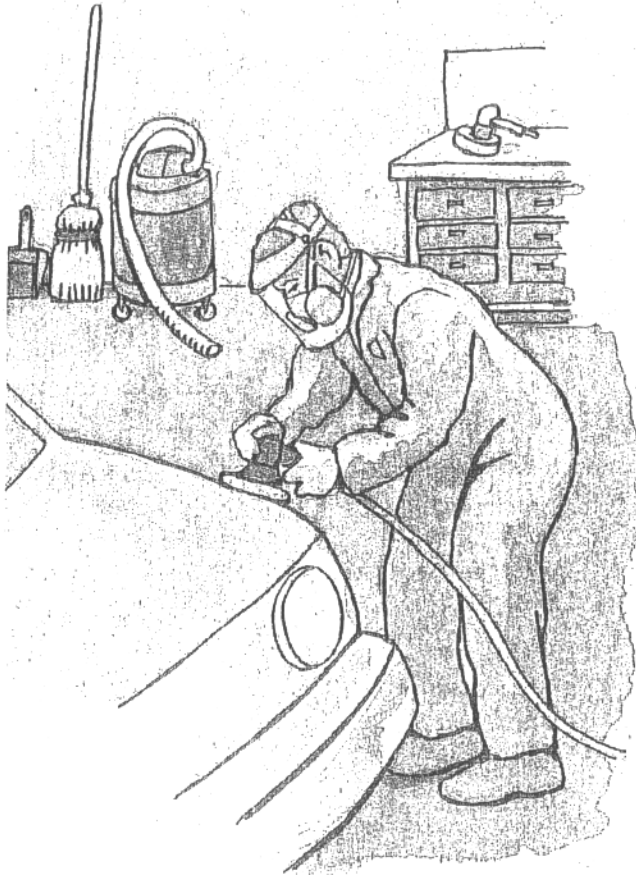


Body Work



Vehicle Shop Practices for a Cleaner Bay

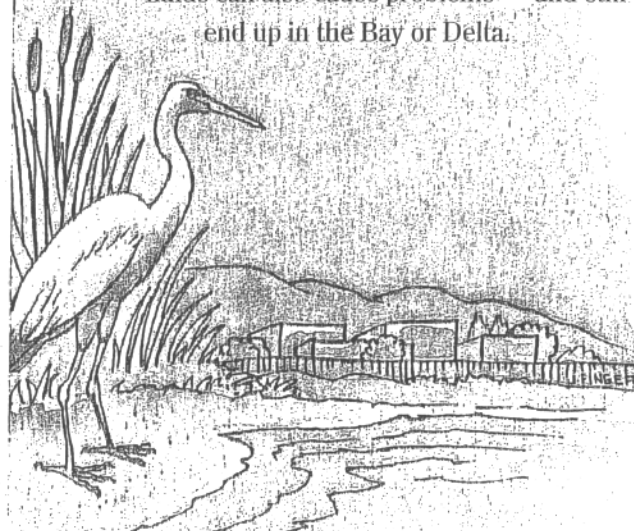
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Vehicle Service Shops Can Make a Difference.

Vehicle service employees can help protect water quality in important ways by following the guidelines for shop practices and maintenance in this brochure. We hope you will join with us and businesses throughout the Bay Area as we work together to safeguard the health of the Bay.

Outside your shop, storm drains carry runoff from streets, gutters, and parking lots directly to local creeks and the San Francisco Bay and Delta with no waste treatment. When oils, dissolved metals, and other vehicle fluids reach a creek or the Bay they threaten water quality and the health of wildlife in our waterways.

Inside the shop, most drains carry waste into a sanitary sewer and on to the local wastewater treatment plant, where motor oils, metals, and vehicle fluids can also cause problems — and still end up in the Bay or Delta.



How You Can Help!

Solvents, thinners, paints, and sanding wastes all cause problems for both the sanitary sewer and the storm drains.

- ☐ Conduct all body repair and painting indoors or under cover.
- ☐ Minimize use of hose-off degreasers to clean body parts before painting. Instead, brush off loose debris and use rags to wipe down parts.
- ☐ Clean spray guns in a self-contained cleaning unit:
 - Recycle the cleaning solution when it becomes too dirty to use.
 - Never discharge cleaning waste to the sewer or storm drain.
- ☐ Sweep, vacuum, or use other dry cleanup methods to pick up dust from sanding metal or body filler.

