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# Industrial Pollution Prevention Programmes

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# Wairau Industrial Pollution Prevention Programme





# WAIRAU

## BUSINESS POLLUTION PREVENTION

All rainwater from the Wairau Valley area drains into underground stormwater drains and into the Wairau Creek. This creek flows through the Milford Estuary to its mouth at Milford Beach. The estuary is used by Milford Marina boaties, and the beach is popular for walking, swimming and picnicking. The Hauraki Gulf off Milford Beach is home to a lot of marine life, including seabirds, fish and marine mammals like dolphins and whales.

One of the biggest potential sources of pollution entering the creek and Hauraki Gulf is from pollution incidents like spills on yards that get washed into stormwater drains, into streams and eventually into the harbour.

To help improve water quality in the Wairau Creek and the Hauraki Gulf, the Kaipātiki Local Board is working with community groups and businesses to reduce water pollution.

### What you can do to help

As a local business in the Wairau area you have an opportunity to help protect and improve the quality of the Wairau Creek. To date, more than 3,500 Auckland businesses have participated in similar pollution prevention programmes. Hundreds of businesses have adopted ways to stop pollution as a result of these visits.

Please ensure areas of your site that flow to stormwater drains are kept free of contaminants, and that you have a plan in the event of a spill on your site.

Your efforts, together with the rest of our local community, will help to improve Wairau Creek and protect the sensitive marine environment and our fishing resources.

CALL THE  
POLLUTION HOTLINE  
ON (09) 377 3107 TO REPORT  
POLLUTION INCIDENTS  
24HRS A DAY  
7 DAYS A WEEK

*This programme is funded by the Kaipātiki Local Board as part of their commitment to improving the water quality in the Wairau Creek. The programme is being delivered by Wilkinson Environmental Ltd.*





# Results

- 110 companies visited and 33 reports (30%)
- Actual Pollution – 3 incidents (resolved)
- Potential Minor Issues – 43 and 17 resolved
- Potential Major – 1 issue (resolved)
- Total issues resolved to date – 48%
- Spill Training – 3 sessions delivered, 2 more booked
- Fish installed

# Issues

- No spill plan
- Poor storage
- Washing – Vehicles or Equipment
- Granite cutting
- Plastic raw materials/plastic waste

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# Summary

- Actual pollution resolved
- Positive feedback from business
- Constant reminders around spill risks and rules
- Stormwater drains only for rain – greenwashing
- Auckland Council compliance – feedback?