



## Block Laying Guideline

Everyone involved in the building industry are required to prevent pollution from entering our stormwater systems.

All contaminants entering gutters, drains and waterways are released to the Great Barrier Reef and cause environmental harm.

The following guideline reflects best practice and Council would consider these practices as mandatory for the block laying industry.

### Block Work

Mortar must not be mixed in gutters or at any other location which may drain into the stormwater system.

All wastewater from block cutting activities must be prevented from entering the stormwater system.

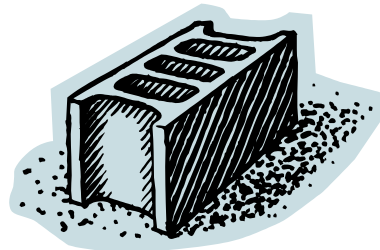
### Stockpiling Materials

All stockpiles of sand and cement must be covered at the end of each day and site stormwater runoff is directed away from or around these stockpiles.

### Block Cutting

Block cutting activities that generate wastewater must not be conducted in gutters. No wastewater is to enter the stormwater system.

Waste concrete slurry must be dried and either disposed of on-site or alternatively taken to a licensed waste transfer facility.



### Penalties

Failure to prevent contaminants entering stormwater system may attract on the spot penalties of \$1100 for an individual and \$2200 for a company.

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