

A recent 2026 report from New Zealand's Ministry for the Environment found that **89%** of NZ's native freshwater fish species are threatened with extinction **or at risk of becoming threatened.**

Outside drains lead directly to your local stream and then reach the sea.

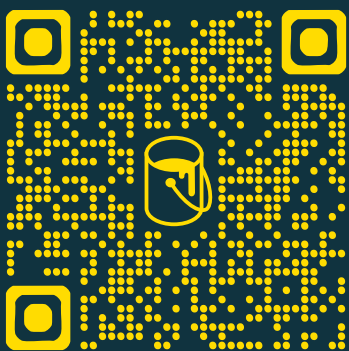
Polluting waterways can incur a **fine** of up to:

\$4,000

PROTECT AND CARE FOR YOUR LOCAL WATERWAYS

Learn More

Scan the QR code to learn more about how you can help protect our waterways and wildlife:



restorehb.org.nz/protect-waterways

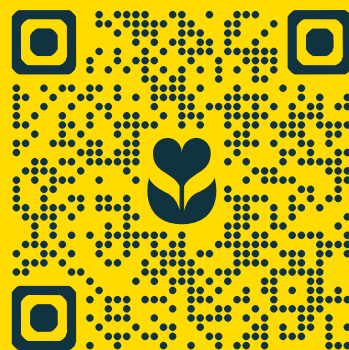


No Paint In Drains

The 'No Paint in Drains' initiative was launched by Restore Hibiscus & Bays in 2026 as an awareness campaign to shine a spotlight on the plight of our local New Zealand waterways.

RHB is a charity organisation dedicated to empowering our community to restore and protect our precious environment and native wildlife.

If you'd like to be involved or help contribute, your investment into our shared environment would be greatly appreciated. Feel free to contact us at restorehb.org.nz



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**No paint wash-off
outside.**



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How do I clean my painting equipment?

Two Pot Method

This technique reduces paint into a more solid state, making it easier to dispose of.

Fill two buckets with water. Wash equipment in first bucket, then rinse in the second. Seal the buckets and leave them to stand overnight. Paint particles will separate from the water in the bottom of the first bucket.

Scan the QR code for a more in depth step by step approach:



Turps & Towel

For solvent based paint, dip your brushes in turps and wipe brushes clean with a rag or paper towel.

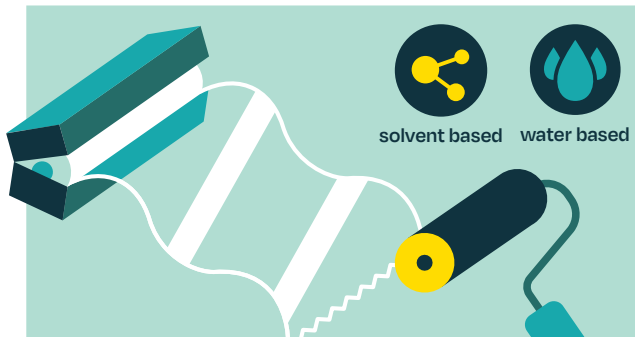


Finished for the day? Painting tomorrow?

Or perhaps you are in between jobs? Here are a few simple methods to prevent brushes from drying out:

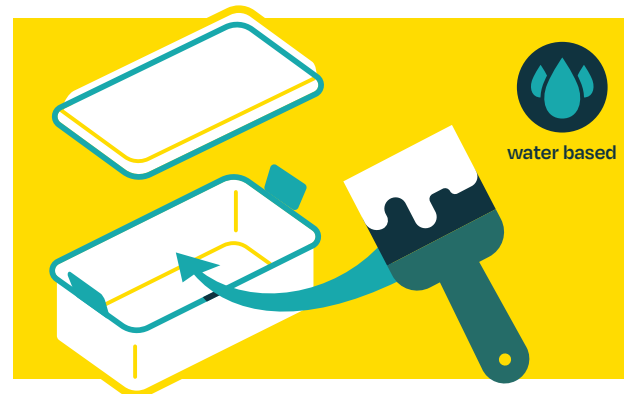
Cling Wrap

Wrap paint brushes in cling wrap. This will prevent paint drying on the brush. Similarly, put your roller into a plastic bag and tape it around the handle.



Sealed Container

A plastic sealed container with a tight-fitting lid is ideal for moving between paint jobs. Fill the container halfway with water so that brushes and rollers are covered. This will save you from having to clean brushes and rollers in between jobs.



Commercial Painter?

Use the on site paint wash systems if available. If one isn't present, we recommend using one of the techniques mentioned in this document.



Recycle your left over paint

Rather than throwing away unwanted paint, we recommend recycling it if appropriate.

Many paint manufacturers provide locations where you can drop off left over paint.

Talk to your local paint store about recycling your unwanted paint and what facilities they offer to help.

