

City of Pomona

Storm Water Pollution Prevention

Residential Auto Repair and Maintenance



Oil, grease, anti-freeze and other toxic automotive fluids can be picked up by rain and irrigation water and swept into the Los Angeles County storm drain system. This polluted water flows untreated into the San Gabriel and Santa Ana Rivers and eventually into the ocean, contaminating our waterways and making them unsafe for people and wildlife. Follow these simple tips to help prevent pollution and protect the health of your family and community.

Storm water regulations include two basic requirements:

- Nothing but clean water may be discharged to the storm drain. It is illegal as well as harmful to the environment to discharge wastes, wash water, or materials of any kind to the storm drains.
- This includes solid and liquid wastes from draining automotive fluids, car washing, and leaking vehicles. Pollutants of concern include anti-freeze, hydraulic fluids, motor oil, and other automotive fluids.

Changing Oil and Other Fluids

- Whenever possible, change vehicle fluids indoors. Avoid working over asphalt and dirt surfaces that absorb vehicle fluids.
- If vehicle fluids must be repaired outdoors, always use a drip pan. Use drip pans under leaking vehicles to capture fluids. Prevent accidental spills from reaching the street or storm drain by working over an absorbent mat or working in a bermed area.
- Never pour vehicle fluids or other hazardous wastes into storm drains, sewers, or into trash cans where they could leak out. These substances should be kept in designated waste storage containers until recycled or disposed of properly.
- Use dry clean up methods (sweeping, absorbents) for all spills. Sweep immediately and properly dispose of the generated wastes.

Hazardous Materials and Wastes

All hazardous materials and hazardous wastes must be stored, used, and disposed of according to federal, state, and local laws. The City of Pomona has Used Oil Certified Collection Centers. The locations can be found at www.ci.Pomona.ca.us or call (909) 620-3628. For other Household Hazardous Waste items, call Sanitation District of Los Angeles County Public Information Section at (800) 238-0173 or visit their website at www.lacsd.org.

Environmental Concerns, Call (909) 620-3628 or (909) 620-2224
To Report Illegal Dumping/Discharges, Call 1(888) CLEAN LA

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