

CITY OF POMONA STORM WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PROGRAM



Home Garden

Yard waste, fertilizers and garden toxics (pesticides) 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.

Use Fertilizer and Pesticides Safely:

...Minimize your use of fertilizers and pesticides around your property. If you must use them, try using organic or less toxic alternatives. Apply in dry weather and avoid watering after use.

Yard Waste Disposal:

...Do not blow, sweep, or hose grass clippings and other yard waste into the street or gutter. Place all yard waste in your green waste barrel or try grasscycling (leaving grass clippings on your lawn). Grass clippings can act as a natural fertilizer, and because grass is mostly water, it also irrigates your lawn, conserving water.

...Produce less yard waste and save water by planting low maintenance, drought-tolerant trees and shrubs. Use drip irrigation, soaker hoses or micro-spray systems for your landscaping to help reduce your water bill and prevent runoff.

...Keep your trash can/dumpster area clean and closed. Any garbage which ends up on the ground can be blown in and pollute your rivers and creeks! Use a broom, not a hose, to clean the area

...Dispose of animal waste properly; throw away in a garbage can or toilet.

Planting in the Yard:

...Keep your yard, household and automotive chemicals stored in a cool, dry place without leaks. Any old containers or leaky containers of these chemicals must be recycled or properly disposed of at a Household Hazardous Waste Facility to prevent pollution. Call Sanitation District of Los Angeles County Public Information Section at (800) 238-0173 or visit their website at www.lacsd.org

Household Hazardous Wastes:

...Recycle used oil, antifreeze, oil filters and other Household Hazardous Waste. For local used oil recycling call Sanitation District of Los Angeles County Public Information Section at (800) 238-0173 or visit their website at www.lacsd.org for other items.

It is important for homeowners to know that the discharge of pollutants from their home activities, either directly or indirectly, into the gutter, storm drain or into surrounding water bodies, is prohibited by both local ordinances and state and federal laws (*Pomona Municipal Ordinance 3735*).

Environmental Concerns, Call (909) 620-3628
Water Watcher 24-Hour Reporting Line, Call (909) 620-2244
To Report Storm Water Discharges, Call 1(888) CLEAN LA

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