

CITY OF POMONA STORM WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PROGRAM



Home Repairs

Toxic dust and debris from home repair and remodeling 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.

Parking Area and Garage:

...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

...Use a broom instead of a hose to clean parking areas. Auto leaks on concrete may be soaked up using kitty litter or other absorbent material, then swept up and dispose with hazardous waste materials.

...Recycle used oil, antifreeze, oil filters and other Household Hazardous Waste. For local Used Oil Recycling facilities visit www.ci.pomona.ca.us or 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.

...When you wash your car, consider runoff: Soaps destroy dirt and organisms! If the soapy runoff reaches the river or creek, it will do the same. If possible, use a commercial car wash. These businesses recycle the water and have ways to clean the runoff.

...OR: consider using little or no soap (even biodegradable soaps don't break down soon enough to avoid killing organisms in the rivers and creeks!), and try to wash on gravel or grass.

...Dump the bucket of extra soapy water into a sink or toilet.

Around your home improvement projects:

...**On Concrete and Masonry:** Store bags of cement and plaster away from gutters and storm drains, and cover them to protect against rain, wind or runoff. Sweep up concrete, aggregate, or other dust and waste materials to throw away into the garbage. **DO NOT** rinse down the gutter. Concrete mixes have chemicals that will poison river and creek life.

...**Paint Removal and Clean-Up:** Rinse water-based paint contaminated brushes and rollers in the sink, not outdoors (send it to the sanitary sewer and not to the river or creeks). Oil-based paints may be cleaned with thinner, which you can filter and reuse. Recycle leftover paint at a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility (Visit www.lacsd.org), save it for touch ups or give it to someone who can use it, like a theatre group, school or community organization.

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 Illegal Stormwater Discharges, Call 1(888) CLEAN LA