

CITY OF POMONA

Storm Water Pollution Prevention

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Improper post-painting clean-up or disposal can lead to chemicals being 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 your health.

Water-Based Paints

When considering paint, use water-based paints whenever possible. They are less toxic than oil-based paints and easier to clean up. Look for products labeled “latex” or “cleans with water.”

Paint Removal

Sweep up paint stripping residue (such as chips and dust) instead of hosing into the street. Dispose of them safely at a Household Hazardous Waste Collection facility. Call Sanitation District of Los Angeles County Public Information Section at (800) 238-0173 or visit their website at www.lacsd.org.

Painting Cleanup

Never clean brushes or rinse paint containers in the street, gutter or near a storm drain. Clean water-based paints in the sink. Clean oil-based paints with thinner, which can be re-used by putting it in a jar to settle out the paint particles, and then pouring off the clear liquid for future use. Wrap dried paint residue in newspaper and dispose of it in the trash.

Exterior Paint Removal

When stripping or cleaning building exteriors with high pressure water, block nearby storm drains and divert wash-water onto a designated dirt area. Ask your local wastewater treatment authority if you can collect building cleaning wastewater and discharge it to the sewer.

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

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