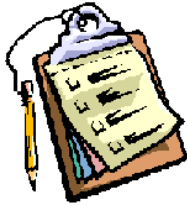


# CITY OF POMONA

## STORM WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PROGRAM



### Apartment Manager's Checklist

The most important thing to know about sewers and storm drains is that they are two different systems. All outside storm drains flow directly to the nearest creek or river, where pollutants such as paint, oil, soap and chemicals can harm fish, wildlife and people. In contrast, all indoor drains (sinks, showers, toilets) flow directly to the sewage treatment plant. There, the water undergoes advanced treatment that removes toxic materials. Many people mistakenly believe they can discharge toxics into storm drains without harm. Apartment managers can play a key role in helping to prevent the creek damage that results and reducing the likelihood of a costly cleanup.

First, you can help educate residents and maintenance staff on the vital difference between storm drains and indoor plumbing. Second, you can follow the suggestions on the Manager's Checklist below. Be part of the solution for clean water and healthy creeks throughout our community.

#### Manager's Checklist for Routine Site Inspections

- Landscaped Areas
- Building Maintenance Areas
- Parking Areas
- Dumpster Areas
- After Evictions

#### Landscaped Areas

- Yard clippings and leaves are disposed of in yard waste recycling barrel. In rivers yard clippings and leaves harm fish by removing oxygen from the water.
- Tenants clean up pet feces and dispose of it in the garbage. Pet waste washed into rivers can cause harmful water-borne diseases.
- Irrigation system is checked to prevent over watering. Over watering wastes precious water and can carry harmful fertilizers and pesticides into rivers through the street and storm drains. Check the City website for Water Conservation tips at [www.ci.pomona.ca.us](http://www.ci.pomona.ca.us).
- Gutters are watched for signs of discharge. Gutters wet from anything but rainwater during dry weather could mean a river polluting spill. Locate the source; if more than rain water or irrigation water blocks the flow into the storm drain system then clean-up. If the substance has entered the storm drain system and a storm drain cleaning company is unable to respond, immediately contact the City at (909) 620-2241. If caught in time, substances can be prevented from reaching waterways.

#### Building Maintenance Areas

- Chemicals, paints, solvents, cleaning agents, oils, fuels, pesticides and other toxic materials are stored under cover to prevent rain contact. They are also locked away and kept out of reach of children and others who may want to tamper with them. State regulations must be followed in disposing of hazardous materials, pesticides and pesticide application equipment. For more information contact Sanitation District of Los Angeles County at (800) 238-0173 or visit their website at [www.lacsd.org](http://www.lacsd.org).
- Construction materials such as concrete, dry wall, dirt and paint are stored under a waterproof cover and away from storm drains. These materials are extremely harmful to fish and their habitat.
- Discuss disposal practices with builders, painters, carpet cleaners and others who work in the complex. Storm drains must never be used to dispose of paint, construction wastes or cleaning waste water. Include appropriate language in work contracts to ensure a contractor's responsibility to prevent illegal discharges.

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### Parking Areas

- Automotive fluids leaked from vehicles are to be cleaned from pavement. Dripping oil, antifreeze and other automotive fluids can easily wash into rivers, where they are lethal to fish and wildlife. Use absorbents like kitty litter on puddles or drips or use drip pans, then dispose of as hazardous waste at a Household Hazardous Waste event.
- Parking areas are swept rather than watered down to prevent runoff of harmful chemicals, such as oils and grease.
- On-site car washing by tenants is permitted only when soapy runoff is clearly directed to gravel or landscaped area. All soaps, even when labeled "bio-degradable", are toxic to fish and wildlife.
- Inspections and grounds clean-ups are performed at least once annually using a method that does not wash materials downstream. Dirt, garbage, leaves and other debris can wash into storm drains or block them during winter storms.
- All storm drains on site should be labeled "No Dumping -- Drains to River". With assistance from the City, you can educate tenants and show a manager's commitment to preventing river pollution by having storm drains labeled: "No Dumping -- Drains to River". Call (909) 620-3628 for information.
- Spill cleanup procedures are in place and staff is trained on a regular basis on spill prevention and control. If a hazardous spill occurs, call a recommended clean-up service and then immediately notify the City at (909) 620-2241. If caught in time, materials can be prevented from reaching waterways.

### Dumpster Areas

- Dumpster lids are to be kept closed at all times to protect garbage scattering by animals and the wind.
- Pavement area around dumpster is to be kept clean, with all waste deposited in dumpster.
- Make sure the dumpster does not leak and has drain hole plug in place. If you detect a leak or missing drain hole plug in the dumpster, contact your local solid waste hauler. They should replace leaking dumpsters or provide drain-hole plugs free of charge.

### After Evictions

Evicted tenants can sometimes pose problems, which result in damage to our rivers and costly clean-ups for property managers and owners. Use the checklist below to help assure an orderly, trouble free transition.

- Premises with an interior and exterior walk-through have been inspected.
- Locks on the doors have been changed to prevent potential vandalism.
- Parking and storage areas of the evicted tenant have been inspected.
- Dumpster and storm drain area nearest the tenant's unit has been inspected.
- Garbage left by the tenant has been removed. Be especially watchful for hazardous materials such as paints, oils and solvents. Store these materials in a covered and secure area until they can be properly disposed of.

### Questions?

Call Public Works, Environmental Programs Coordinator at (909) 620-3628, or visit [www.ci.pomona.ca.us](http://www.ci.pomona.ca.us)

### What the Law Says:

Apartment managers should let residents know in the rental contract that dumping or discharging contaminants into storm drains, rivers or creeks is against the law. Both the property owner and the offending discharger may be subject to prosecution and fines of up to \$25,000 per day, per violation. (See Pomona Municipal Codes, California Water Code, California Fish and Game Code, U.S. Clean Water Act).

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

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