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You would never dump paint into the ocean, so don't let it enter the storm drains. Follow these easy tips to help prevent water pollution.

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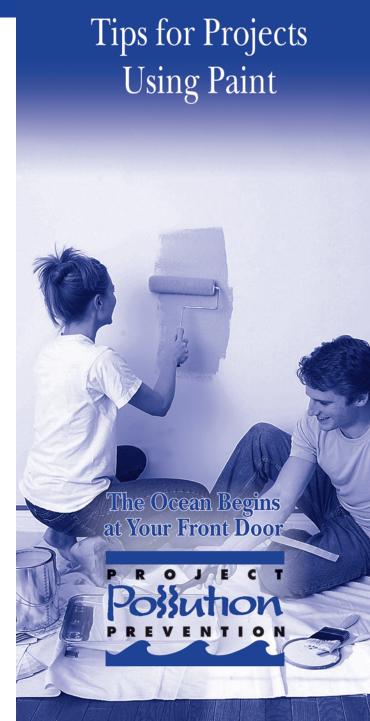
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The tips contained in this brochure provide useful information to help prevent water pollution while using, storing and disposing of paint. If you have other suggestions, please contact your city's stormwater representatives or call the Orange County Stormwater Program.



## Help Prevent Ocean Pollution:



## **Tips for Projects Using Paint**

Paint can cause significant damage to our environment. Whether you hire a contractor or do it yourself, it is important to follow these simple tips when purchasing, using, cleaning, storing and disposing of paint.

#### **Purchasing Paint**

- Measure the room or object to be painted, then buy only the amount needed.
- Whenever possible, use water-based paint since it usually does not require hazardous solvents such as paint thinner for cleanup.

#### **Painting**

- Use only one brush or roller per color of paint to reduce the amount of water needed for cleaning.
- Place open paint containers or trays on a stable surface and in a position that is unlikely to spill.
- Always use a tarp under the area or object being painted to collect paint drips and contain spills.

#### Cleaning

- Never clean brushes or rinse paint containers in the street, gutter or storm drain.
- For oil-based products, use as much of the paint on the brushes as possible. Clean brushes with thinner. To reuse thinner, pour it through a fine filter (e.g. nylon, metal gauze or filter paper) to remove solids such as leftover traces of paint.
- For water-based products, use as much of the paint on the brushes as possible, then rinse in the sink.
- Collect all paint chips and dust. Chips and dust from marine paints or paints containing lead, mercury or tributyl tin are hazardous waste. Sweep up and dispose of at a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center (HHWCC).

#### **Storing Paint**

- Store paint in a dry location away from the elements.
- Store leftover water-based paint, oil-based paint and solvents separately in original or clearly marked containers.
- Avoid storing paint cans directly on cement floors. The bottom of the can will rust much faster on cement.
- Place the lid on firmly and store the paint can upsidedown to prevent air from entering. This will keep the paint usable longer. Oil-based paint is usable for up to 15 years. Water-based paint remains usable for up to 10 years.

#### Alternatives to Disposal

- Use excess paint to apply another coat, for touch-ups, or to paint a closet, garage, basement or attic.
- Give extra paint to friends or family. Extra paint can also be donated to a local theatre group, low-income housing program or school.
- Take extra paint to an exchange program such as the "Stop & Swap" that allows you to drop off or pick up partially used home care products free of charge. "Stop & Swap" programs are available at most HHWCCs.
- For HHWCC locations and hours, call (714) 834-6752 or visit www.oclandfills.com.



#### Disposing of Paint

Never put wet paint in the trash.

#### For water-based paint:

- If possible, brush the leftover paint on cardboard or newspaper. Otherwise, allow the paint to dry in the can with the lid off in a well-ventilated area protected from the elements, children and pets. Stirring the paint every few days will speed up the drying.
- Large quantities of extra paint should be taken to a HHWCC.
- Once dried, paint and painted surfaces may be disposed of in the trash. When setting a dried paint can out for trash collection, leave the lid off so the collector will see that the paint has dried.

#### For oil-based paint:

Oil-based paint is a household hazardous waste.
 All leftover paint should be taken to a HHWCC.

#### Aerosol paint:

Dispose of aerosol paint cans at a HHWCC.

#### **Spills**

- Never hose down pavement or other impermeable surfaces where paint has spilled.
- Clean up spills immediately by using an absorbent material such as cat litter. Cat litter used to clean water-based paint spills can be disposed of in the trash. When cleaning oil-based paint spills with cat litter, it must be taken to a HHWCC.
- Immediately report spills that have entered the street, gutter or storm drain to the County's 24-Hour Water Pollution Problem Reporting Hotline at (714) 567-6363 or visit www.ocwatersheds.com to fill out an incident reporting form.



### The Pollution Solution

Several residential activities can result in water pollution. Among these activities are car washing and hosing off driveways and sidewalks. Both activities can waste water and result in excess runoff. Water conservation methods described in this pamphlet can prevent considerable amounts of runoff and conserve water. By taking your car to a commercial car wash and by sweeping driveways and sidewalks, you can further prevent the transport of pollutants to Orange County waterways. Here are some of the common pollutants for which you can be part of the solution:

#### Pesticides and Fertilizer

 Pollution: The same pesticides that are designed to be toxic to pests can have an equally lethal impact on our marine life. The same fertilizer that promotes plant growth in lawns and gardens can also create nuisance algae blooms, which remove oxygen from the water and clog waterways when it decomposes.



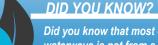
• Solution: Never use pesticides or fertilizer within 48 hours of an anticipated rainstorm. Use only as much as is directed on the label and keep it off driveways and sidewalks.

#### Dirt and Sediment

- **Pollution:** Dirt or sediment can impede the flow of the stormwater and negatively impact stream habitat as it travels through waterways and deposits downstream. Pollutants can attach to sediment, which can then be transported through our waterways.
- **Solution:** Protect dirt stockpiles by covering them with tarps or secure plastic sheets to prevent wind or rain from allowing dirt or sediment to enter the storm drain system.

#### Metals

- Pollution: Metals and other toxins present in car wash water can harm important plankton, which forms the base of the aquatic food chain.
- **Solution:** Take your car to a commercial car wash where the wash water is captured and treated at a local wastewater treatment plant.



Did you know that most of the pollution found in our waterways is not from a single source, but from a "non-point" source meaning the accumulation of pollution from residents and businesses throughout the community

#### **LI** Pet Waste

- Pollution: Pet waste carries bacteria through our watersheds and eventually will be washed out to the ocean. This can pose a health risk to swimmers and surfers.
- **Solution:** Pick up after your pets!

#### Trash and Debris

Pollution: Trash and debris can enter waterways by wind, littering and careless maintenance of trash receptacles. Street sweeping collects some of this trash; however, much of what isn't captured ends up in our storm drain system where it flows untreated out to the ocean.

• Solution: Don't litter and make sure trash containers are properly covered. It is far more expensive to clean up the litter and trash that ends up in our waterways than it is to prevent it in the first place. Come out to one of Orange County's many locations for Coastal and Inner-Coastal Cleanup Day, which is held in September.

#### Motor Oil / Vehicle Fluids

- **Pollution:** Oil and petroleum products from our vehicles are toxic to people, wildlife and plants.
- Solution: Fix any leaks from your vehicle and keep the maintenance up on your car. Use absorbent material such as cat litter on oil spills, then sweep it up and dispose of it in the trash. Recycle used motor oil



at a local Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center.



The Orange County Stormwater Program has teamed with the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) and the University of California Cooperative Extension Program (UCCE) to develop this pamphlet.

Low Impact Development (LID) and sustainable water use prevents water pollution and conserves water for drinking and reuse. Reducing your water use and the amount of water flowing from your home protects the environment and saves you money.

## Thank you for making water protection a priority!

For more information, please visit www.ocwatersheds. com/publiced/

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## Homeowners Guide for Sustainable Water Use

Low Impact Development, Water Conservation & Pollution Prevention



The Ocean Begins at Your Front Door









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## RUNOFF, RAINWATER AND REUSE

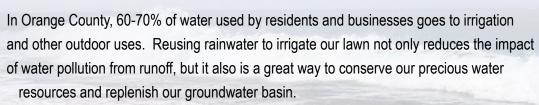
#### Where Does Water Runoff Go?

Stormwater, or water from rainfall events, and runoff from outdoor water use such as sprinklers and hoses flows from homes directly into catch basins and the storm drain system. After entering the storm drain, the water flows untreated into streams, rivers, bays and ultimately the Pacific Ocean. Runoff can come from lawns, gardens, driveways, sidewalks and roofs. As it flows over hard, impervious surfaces, it picks up pollutants. Some pollutants carried by the water runoff include trash, pet waste, pesticides, fertilizer, motor oil and more.



#### **Water Conservation**

Pollution not only impairs the water quality for habitat and recreation, it can also reduce the water available for reuse. Runoff allowed to soak into the ground is cleaned as it percolates through the soil, replenishing depleted groundwater supplies. Groundwater provides approximately 50% of the total water for drinking and other indoor household activities in north and central Orange County. When land is covered with roads, parking lots, homes, etc., there is less land to take in the water and more hard surfaces over which the water can flow.





#### What is Low Impact Development (LID)?

Low Impact Development (LID) is a method of development that seeks to maintain the natural hydrologic character of an area. LID provides a more sustainable and pollution-preventative approach to water management.

New water quality regulations require implementation of LID in larger new developments and encourage implementation of LID and other sustainable practices in existing residential areas.

Implementing modifications to your lawn or garden can reduce pollution in our environment, conserve water and reduce your water bill.



Permeable pavement allows water runoff to infiltrate through the soil and prevents most pollutants from reaching the storm drain system.

## OPTIONS FOR RAINWATER HARVESTING AND REUSE

Rainwater harvesting is a great way to save money, prevent pollution and reduce potable water use. To harvest your rainwater, simply redirect the runoff from roofs and downspouts to rain barrels. Rain gardens are another option; these reduce runoff as well as encourage infiltration.

### Downspout Disconnection/Redirection

Disconnecting downspouts from pipes running to the gutter prevents runoff from transporting pollutants to the storm drain.

Once disconnected, downspouts can be redirected to rain gardens or other vegetated areas, or be connected to a rain barrel.

#### **Rain Barrels**

Rain barrels capture rainwater flow from roofs for reuse in landscape irrigation. Capacity of rain barrels needed for your home will depend on the amount of roof area and rainfall received. When purchasing your rain barrel, make sure it includes a screen, a spigot to siphon water for use, an overflow tube to allow for excess water to run out and a connector if

you wish to connect multiple barrels to add capacity of water storage.

Barrel

Mosquito growth prevention is very important when installing a rain barrel. The best way to prevent mosquito breeding is to eliminate entry points by ensuring all openings are sealed tightly. If these methods are unsuccessful, products are available to kill mosquito larvae, but that are harmless to animals and humans. Regular application of these products is essential. Please visit the Orange County Vector Control website for more information at www.ocvcd.org/mosquitoes3.php.



Downspout

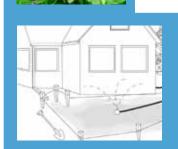
Rain gardens allow runoff to be directed from your roof downspout into a landscaped area. Vegetation and rocks in the garden will slow the flow of water to allow for infiltration into the soil. Plants and soil particles will absorb pollutants from the roof runoff. By utilizing a native plant palate, rain gardens can be maintained all year with minimal additional irrigation. These plants are adapted to the semi-arid climate of Southern California, require less water and can reduce your water bill.

Before modifying your yard to install a rain garden, please consult your local building and/or planning departments to ensure your garden plan follows pertinent building codes and ordinances. Besides codes and ordinances, some home owner associations also have guidelines for yard modifications. If your property is in hill areas or includes engineered slopes, please seek

professional advice before proceeding with changes.



For information on how to disconnect a downspout or to install and maintain a rain barrel or rain garden at your home, please see the Los Angeles Rainwater Harvesting Program, A Homeowner's "How-To" Guide, November 2009 at www.larainwaterharvesting.org/



## OTHER WATER CONSERVATION AND POLLUTION PREVENTION TECHNIQUES

#### **Native Vegetation and Maintenance**

"California Friendly" plants or native vegetation can significantly reduce water use. These plants often require far less fertilizers and pesticides, which are two significant pollutants found in Orange County waterways. Replacing water "thirsty" plants and grass types with water efficient natives is a great way to save water and reduce the need for potentially harmful pesticides and fertilizer.

Please see the California Friendly Garden Guide produced by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and associated Southern California Water Agencies for a catalog of California friendly plants and other garden resources at www.bewaterwise.com/Gardensoft.

#### **Weed Free Yards**

Weeds are water thieves.
They often reproduce quickly and rob your yard of both water and nutrients. Weed your yard by hand if possible. If you use herbicides to control the weeds, use only the amount recommended on the label and never use it if rain is forecast within the next 48 hours.



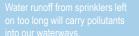
#### Soil Amendments

Soil amendments such as green waste (e.g. grass clippings, compost, etc.) can be a significant source of nutrients and can help keep the soil near the roots of plants moist. However, they can cause algal booms if they get into our waterways, which reduces the amount of oxygen in the water and impacts most aquatic organisms. It is important to apply soil amendments more than 48 hours prior to predicted rainfall.

### IRRIGATE EFFICIENTLY

## Smart Irrigation Controllers

Smart Irrigation Controllers have internal clocks as well as sensors that will turn off the sprinklers



nanges. If it is raining, too windy or too cold, the mart irrigation control sprinklers will automatically shut

Check with your local water agency for available rebates on irrigation controllers and smart timers.

- Aim your sprinklers at your lawn, not the sidewalk –
  By simply adjusting the direction of your sprinklers
  you can save water, prevent water pollution from
  runoff, keep your lawn healthy and save money.
- Set a timer for your sprinklers lawns absorb the water they need to stay healthy within a few minutes of turning on the sprinklers. Time your sprinklers; when water begins running off your lawn, you can turn them off. Your timer can be set to water your lawn for this duration every time
- Water at Sunrise Watering early in the morning will reduce water loss due to evaporation.
  Additionally, winds tend to die down in the early morning so the water will get to the lawn as intended
- Water by hand Instead of using sprinklers, consider watering your yard by hand. Handwatering ensures that all plants get the proper amount of water and you will prevent any water runoff, which wastes water and carries pollutants into our waterways.
- **Fix leaks** Nationwide, households waste one trillion gallons of water a year to leaks that is enough water to serve the entire state of Texas for a year. If your garden hose is leaking, replace the nylon or rubber hose washer and ensure a tight connection. Fix broken sprinklers immediately



Do your part to prevent water pollution in our creeks, rivers, bays and ocean.

Clean beaches and healthy creeks, rivers, bays and ocean are important to Orange County. However, not properly disposing of household hazardous waste can lead to water pollution. Batteries, electronics, paint, oil, gardening chemicals, cleaners and other hazardous materials cannot be thrown in the trash. They also must never be poured or thrown into yards, sidewalks, driveways, gutters or streets. Rain or other water could wash the materials into the storm

drain and eventually into our waterways and the ocean. In addition, hazardous waste must not be poured in the sanitary sewers (sinks and toilets).

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To Report Illegal Dumping of Household Hazardous Waste call 1-800-69-TOXIC

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### **Pollution Prevention**

Leftover household products that contain corrosive, toxic, ignitable, or reactive

WHEN POSSIBLE,
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ingredients are considered to be "household hazardous waste" or "HHW." HHW can be found throughout your home, including the bathroom, kitchen, laundry room and garage.

Disposal of HHW down the drain, on the ground, into storm drains, or in the trash is illegal and unsafe.

Proper disposal of HHW is actually easy. Simply drop them off at a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center (HHWCC) for free disposal and recycling. Many materials including anti-freeze, latex-based paint, motor oil and batteries can be recycled. Some centers have a "Stop & Swap" program that lets you take partially used home, garden, and automobile products free of charge. There are four HHWCCs in Orange County:

Centers are open Tuesday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Centers are closed on rainy days and major holidays. For more information, call (714) 834-6752 or visit www.oclandfills.com.

## Common household hazardous wastes

- Batteries
- Paint and paint products
- Adhesives
- Drain openers
- Household cleaning products
- Wood and metal cleaners and polishes
- Pesticides
- Fungicides/wood preservatives
- Automotive products (antifreeze, motor oil, fluids)
- Grease and rust solvents
- Fluorescent lamps
- Mercury (thermometers & thermostats)
- All forms of electronic waste including computers and microwaves
- Pool & spa chemicals
- Cleaners
- Medications
- Propane (camping & BBQ)
- Mercury-containing lamps

■ Television & monitors (CRTs, flatscreens)

## Tips for household hazardous waste

- Never dispose of HHW in the trash, street, gutter, storm drain or sewer.
- Keep these materials in closed, labeled containers and store materials indoors or under a cover.
- When possible, use non-hazardous products.
- Reuse products whenever possible or share with family and friends.
- Purchase only as much of a product as you'll need. Empty containers may be disposed of in the trash.
- HHW can be harmful to humans, pets and the environment. Report emergencies to 911.





## Preventing water pollution at your commercial/industrial site

Clean beaches and healthy creeks, rivers, bays and ocean are important to Orange County. However, many landscape and building maintenance activities can lead to water pollution if you're not careful. Paint, chemicals, plant clippings and other materials can be blown or washed into storm drains that flow to the ocean. Unlike water in sanitary sewers (from sinks and toilets), water in storm drains is not treated before entering our waterways.

You would never pour soap or fertilizers into the ocean, so why would you let them enter the storm drains? Follow these easy tips to help prevent water pollution.

Some types of industrial facilities are required to obtain coverage under the State General Industrial Permit. For more information visit: www.swrcb.ca.gov/stormwater/industrial.html

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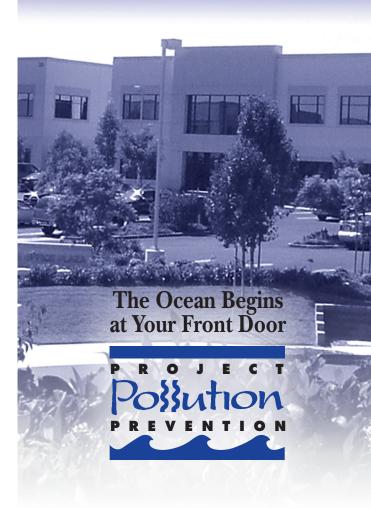
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### Help Prevent Ocean Pollution:

# Proper Maintenance Practices for Your Business



## **Proper Maintenance Practices for your Business**

#### Landscape Maintenance

- Compost grass clippings, leaves, sticks and other vegetation, or dispose of it at a permitted landfill or in green waste containers. Do not dispose of these materials in the street, gutter or storm drain.
- Irrigate slowly and inspect the system for leaks, overspraying and runoff. Adjust automatic timers to avoid overwatering.
- Follow label directions for the use and disposal of fertilizers and pesticides.
- Do not apply pesticides or fertilizers if rain is expected within 48 hours or if wind speeds are above 5 mph.
- Do not spray pesticides within 100 feet of waterways.
- Fertilizers should be worked into the soil rather than dumped onto the surface.
- If fertilizer is spilled on the pavement or sidewalk, sweep it up immediately and place it back in the container.

#### **Building Maintenance**

- Never allow washwater, sweepings or sediment to enter the storm drain.
- Sweep up dry spills and use cat litter, towels or similar materials to absorb wet spills. Dispose of it in the trash.
- If you wash your building, sidewalk or parking lot, you **must** contain the water. Use a shop vac to collect the water and contact your city or sanitation agency for proper disposal information. Do not let water enter the street, gutter or storm drain.
- Use drop cloths underneath outdoor painting, scraping, and sandblasting work, and properly dispose of materials in the trash.
- Use a ground cloth or oversized tub for mixing paint and cleaning tools.
- Use a damp mop or broom to clean floors.
- Cover dumpsters to keep insects, animals, rainwater and sand from entering. Keep the area around the dumpster clear of trash and debris. Do not overfill the dumpster.

- Call your trash hauler to replace leaking dumpsters.
- Do not dump any toxic substance or liquid waste on the pavement, the

ground, or near a storm drain. Even materials that seem harmless such as latex paint or biodegradable cleaners can damage the environment.

NEVER DISPOSE OF ANYTHING IN THE STORM DRAIN.

- Recycle paints, solvents and other materials. For more information about recycling and collection centers, visit www.oclandfills.com.
- Store materials indoors or under cover and away from storm drains.
- Use a construction and demolition recycling company to recycle lumber, paper, cardboard, metals, masonry, carpet, plastic, pipes, drywall, rocks, dirt, and green waste. For a listing of construction and demolition recycling locations in your area, visit www.ciwmb.ca.gov/recycle.
- Properly label materials. Familiarize employees with Material Safety Data Sheets.



#### **Before Buying Pest Control Products**

- Identify the pest.
- Decide if pest control products are the best control measure or if there are alternatives available.
- Are integrated pest management guidelines available for this pest?
- Read the product label: Is the pest listed on the label? Is it the best product for the pest?

#### Before Mixing Your Sprayer

- · Read the label carefully.
- Buy only enough pesticide to treat the area affected by the pest.
- · Check the weather and don't apply if it's windy or about to rain



- · Calculate how much spray to mix.
- Wear long sleeve shirt, long pants, shoes and any other protective equipment listed on the label and follow all the label precautions.
- Be prepared for spills and know how to clean them up.

#### When You're Ready To Spray

- Mix and load spray in an area where any spilled pesticide will not be able to drain or be washed away into storm drains, ditches, streams, ponds or other bodies of water.
- Mix sprayer on grass, not the sidewalk or driveway.
- · Mix only as much as needed.

#### When You're Spraying

- AVOID spraying in or near storm drains, ditches, streams, and ponds!
- Leave an untreated strip around these areas to protect the water.

#### When You're done

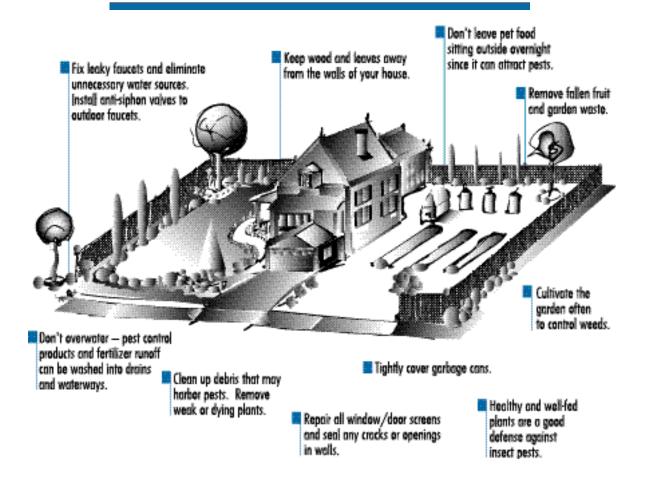
- Never dump leftovers down any drain; Save for a future application.
- Triple-rinse sprayer and apply rinsewater to treated area.
- Take any old or unwanted pesticides to a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center (714) 834-6752.

## Using Pest Control Products. It's Your Responsibility To Do It Right!









#### IPM... OUTSMARTING PESTS WHILE PROTECTING WATER

With Integrated Pest Management (IPM), homeowners use common sense and nature to make it difficult for pests to survive. IPM techniques include cultural practices (such as mulching to prevent weeds), encouraging natural enemies (good bugs), and judicious use of pest control products.

- First, identify your pest problem. To find the best solution, you need to pin down the problem. Consult gardening books, your county cooperative extension office or your local nursery.
- Decide how much pest control is necessary. If you can live with some pest damage, you can avoid intensive pest control product treatments.

- · Choose an effective option. Try various types of controls first: washing bugs off plants, pruning diseased parts of plants. If you need to use pest control products, choose one that targets the problem and poses the least hazard.
- Finally, it's easier to prevent pests than to control them.





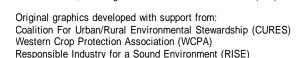


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Costa Mesa Public Services(714) 754-5248				
Cypress Engineering(714) 229-6752				
Dana Point Public Works(949) 248-3562				
Fountain Valley Public Works (714) 593-4400 x347				
Fullerton Engineering Dept(714) 738-6853	i			
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Huntington Beach Public Works(714) 536-5432				
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La Habra Public Services(562) 905-9792				
La Palma Public Works(714) 523-1140 x102				
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O.C. Household Hazardous Waste Information (714) 834-6752				
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Information on agriculture chemicals, pesticides and possible				
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For more information,
please call
University of California Cooperative
Extension Master Gardeners at
(714) 708-1646
or visit these Web sites:
www.uccemg.org
www.ipm.ucdavis.edu

For instructions on collecting a specimen sample visit the Orange County
Agriculture Commissioner's website at:
http://www.ocagcomm.com/ser\_lab.asp

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at 1-877-89-SPILL (1-877-897-7455).

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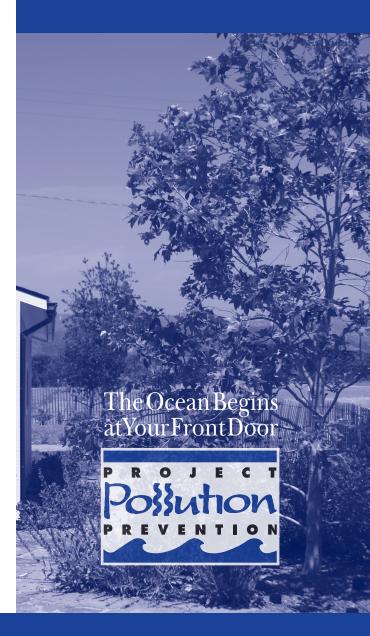
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## Help Prevent Ocean Pollution:

## Responsible Pest Control



## **Tips for Pest Control**

#### Key Steps to Follow:

**Step 1:** Correctly identify the pest (insect, weed, rodent, or disease) and verify that it is actually causing the problem.



Three life stages of the common lady beetle, a beneficial insect.

This is important because beneficial insects are often mistaken for pests and sprayed with pesticides needlessly.

Consult with a Certified Nursery

Professional at a local nursery or garden center or send a sample of the pest to the Orange County Agricultural Commissioner's Office.

Determine if the pest is still present – even though you see damage, the pest may have left.

**Step 2:** Determine how many pests are present and causing damage.



Small pest populations may be controlled more safely using non-

pesticide techniques. These include removing food sources, washing off leaves with a strong stream of water, blocking entry into the home using caulking and replacing problem plants with ones less susceptible to pests.



Integrated Pest Management (IPM) usually combines several least toxic pest control methods for long-term prevention and management of pest problems without harming you, your family, or the environment.

## **Step 3:** If a pesticide must be used, choose the least toxic chemical.

Obtain information on the least toxic pesticides that are effective at controlling the target pest from the UC Statewide Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Program's Web site at www.ipm.ucdavis.edu.

Seek out the assistance of a Certified Nursery Professional at a local nursery or garden center when selecting a pesticide. Purchase the smallest amount of pesticide available.

Apply the pesticide to the pest during its most vulnerable life stage. This information can be found on the pesticide label.

#### Step 4: Wear appropriate protective clothing.

Follow pesticide labels regarding specific types of protective equipment you should wear. Protective clothing should always be washed separately from other clothing.

**Step 5:** Continuously monitor external conditions when applying pesticides such as weather, irrigation, and the presence of children and animals.

Never apply pesticides when rain is predicted within the next 48 hours. Also, do not water after applying pesticides unless the directions say it is necessary.

Apply pesticides when the air is still; breezy conditions may cause the spray or dust to drift away from your targeted area.

In case of an emergency call 911 and/or the regional poison control number at (714) 634-5988 or (800) 544-4404 (CA only).

For general questions you may also visit www.calpoison.org.

**Step 6:** In the event of accidental spills, sweep up or use an absorbent agent to remove any excess pesticides. Avoid the use of water.

Be prepared. Have a broom, dust pan, or dry absorbent material, such as cat litter, newspapers or paper towels, ready to assist in cleaning up spills.

Contain and clean up the spill right away. Place contaminated materials in a doubled plastic bag. All materials used to clean up the spill should be properly disposed of according to your local Household Hazardous Waste Disposal site.

**Step 7:** Properly store and dispose of unused pesticides.

Purchase Ready-To-Use (RTU) products to avoid storing large concentrated quantities of pesticides.

Store unused chemicals in a locked cabinet.

Unused pesticide chemicals may be disposed of at a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center.

Empty pesticide containers should be triple rinsed prior to disposing of them in the trash.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center (714) 834-6752 www.oclandfills.com



## Did you know that just one quart of oil can pollute 250,000 gallons of water?

A clean ocean and healthy creeks, rivers, bays and beaches are important to Orange County. However, not properly disposing of used oil can lead to water pollution. If you pour or drain oil onto driveways, sidewalks or streets, it can be washed into the storm drain. Unlike water in sanitary sewers (from sinks and toilets), water in storm drains is not treated before entering the ocean. Help prevent water pollution by taking your used oil to a used oil collection center.

Included in this brochure is a list of locations that will accept up to five gallons of used motor oil at no cost. Many also accept used oil filters. Please contact the facility before delivering your used oil. This listing of companies is for your reference and does not constitute a recommendation or endorsement of the company.

Please note that used oil filters may not be disposed of with regular household trash. They must be taken to a household hazardous waste collection or recycling center in Anaheim, Huntington Beach, Irvine or San Juan Capistrano. For information about these centers, visit www.oclandfills.com.

Please do not mix your oil with other substances!

For more

information, please call the Orange County Stormwater Program at 1-877-89-SPILL (1-877-897-7455) or visit www.watersheds.com.

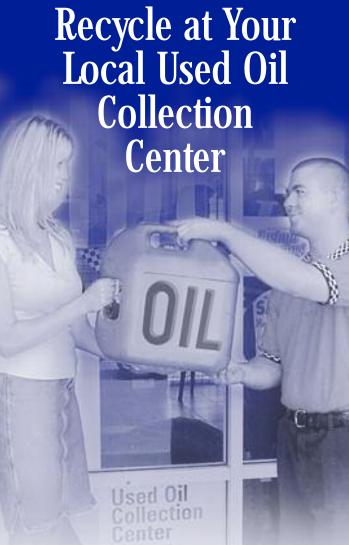
For information about the proper disposal of household hazardous waste, call the Household Waste Hotline at (714) 834-6752 or visit www.oclandfills.com.



For additional information about the nearest oil recycling center, call the Used
Oil Program at
1-800-CLEANUP
or visit www.cleanup.org.



## **Help Prevent Ocean Pollution:**



The Ocean Begins at Your Front Door



#### **Used Oil Collection Centers**

All Seasons Tire and Auto Center, Inc. 817 S Brookhurst St., Anaheim, CA 92804 (714)772-6090( CIWMB#: 30-C-03177

#### AutoZone #3317

423 N Anaheim Blvd., Anaheim, CA 92805 (714)776-0787() CIWMB#: 30-C-05263

#### AutoZone #5226

2145 W Lincoln Ave., Anaheim, CA 92801 (714)533-6599() CIWMB#: 30-C-04604

#### **Bedard Automotive**

3601 F Miraloma Ave Anaheim CA 92806 (714)528-1380() CIWMR#: 30-C-02205

#### Classic Chevrolet

1001 Weir Canyon Rd., Anaheim, CA 92807 (714)283-5400() CIWMR#: 30-C-05223

#### Econo Lube N' Tune #4

3201 W Lincoln Ave., Anaheim, CA 92801 (714)821-0128() CIWMB#: 30-C-01485

#### EZ Lube Inc - Savi Ranch #43

985 N Weir Canyon Rd., Anaheim, CA 92807 (714)556-1312() CIWMB#: 30-C-06011

#### Firestone Store #71C7

1200 S Magnolia Ave., Anaheim, CA 92804 (949)598-5520() CIWMB#: 30-C-05743

#### Great Western Lube Express

125 N Brookhurst St., Anaheim, CA 92801 (714)254-1300() CIWMB#: 30-C-05542

#### **HR Pro Auto Service Center**

3180 W Lincoln Ave., Anaheim, CA 92801 (714)761-4343() CIWMR#: 30-C-05927

#### Ira Newman Automotive Services

1507 N State College Blvd., Anaheim, CA 92806 (714)635-2392() CIWMB#: 30-C-01482

#### Jiffy Lube #1028

2400 W Ball Rd., Anaheim, CA 92804 (714)761-5211() CIWMB#: 30-C-00870

#### Jiffy Lube #1903

2505 E Lincoln Ave., Anaheim, CA 92806 (714)772-4000() CIWMB#: 30-C-05511

#### Jiffy Lube #2340

2181 W Lincoln Ave., Anaheim, CA 92801 (714)533-1000() CIWMB#: 30-C-04647

#### Kragen Auto Parts #1303

1088 N State College Blvd., Anaheim, CA 92806 (714)956-7351() CIWMB#: 30-C-03438

Kragen Auto Parts #1399 2245 W Ball Rd., Anaheim, CA 92804 (714)490-1274() CIWMB#: 30-C-04094

#### Kragen Auto Parts #1565

2072 Lincoln Ave., Anaheim, CA 92806 (714)502-6992() CIWMB#: 30-C-04078

#### Kragen Auto Parts #1582

3420 W Lincoln Ave., Anaheim, CA 92801 (714)828-7977() CIWMB#: 30-C-04103

#### Pep Boys #613

10912 Katella Ave., Anaheim, CA 92804 (714)638-0863() CIWMB#: 30-C-01756

#### Pep Boys #663

3030 W Lincoln Anaheim, CA 92801 (714)826-4810() CIWMB#: 30-C-03417

#### Pep Boys #809

8205 E Santa Ana Cyn Rd., Anaheim, CA 92808 CIWMR#: 30-C-03443

#### Pick Your Part

1235 S Beach Blvd., Anaheim, CA 92804 (714)527-1645() CIWMB#: 30-C-03744

#### PK Auto Performance

3106 W. Lincoln Ave., Anaheim, CA 92801 (714)826-2141() CIWMB#: 30-C-05628

#### Quick Change Lube and Oil

2731 W Lincoln Ave., Anaheim, CA 92801 (714)821-4464() CIWMB#: 30-C-04363

#### Saturn of Anaheim

1380 S Auto Center Dr., Anaheim, CA 92806 (714)648-2444() CIWMB#: 30-C-06332

#### Sun Tech Auto Service

105 S State College Blvd., Anaheim, CA 92806 CIWMR#: 30-C-06455

#### Vonic Truck Services

515 S Rose St., Anaheim, CA 92805 (714)533-3333() CIWMB#: 30-C-01142

#### **Anaheim Hills**

#### Anaheim Hills Car Wash & Lube

5810 E La Palma Ave., Anaheim Hills, CA 92807 (714)777-6605() CIWMB#: 30-C-01387

#### Brea

#### Firestone Store #27A9

891 E Imperial Hwy., Brea, CA 92821 (714)529-8404() CIWMB#: 30-C-01221

#### Oil Can Henry's

230 N Brea Blvd., Brea, CA 92821 (714)990-1900()

#### CIWMB#: 30-C-04273 **Buena Park**

#### Firestone Store #71F7

6011 Orangethorpe Buena Park, CA 90620 (714)670-7912() CIWMB#: 30-C-01218

#### Firestone Store #71T8

8600 Beach Blvd., Buena Park, CA 90620 (714)827-5300() CIWMB#: 30-C-02121

#### Kragen Auto Parts #1204

5303 Beach Blvd., Buena Park, CA 90621 (714)994-1320() CIWMB#: 30-C-02623

#### Cypress

AutoZone #5521 5471 Lincoln Ave., Cypress, CA 90630 (714)995-4644( ) CIWMB#: 30-C-00836

#### Big O Tires

6052 Cerritos Ave., Cypress, CA 90630 (714)826-6334( CIWMB#: 30-C-04245

#### Econo Lube N' Tune #213

5497 Cerritos Ave., Cypress, CA 90630 (714)761-0456() CIWMB#: 30-C-06240

#### Jiffy Lube #851

4942 Lincoln Ave., Cypress, CA 90630 (626)965-9689() CIWMB#: 30-C-06182

#### M & N Coastline Auto & Tire Service

4005 Ball Rd., Cypress, CA 90630 (714)826-1001() CIWMR#: 30-C-04387

#### Masterlube #103

5904 Lincoln Cypress, CA 90630 (714)826-2323() CIWMB#: 30-C-01071

#### Masterlube #104

5971 Ball Rd., Cypress, CA 90630 (714)220-1555() CIWMB#: 30-C-04682

#### Metric Motors of Cypress

6042 Cerritos Ave., Cypress, CA 90630 (714)821-4702() CIWMB#: 30-C-05157

#### **Fullerton**

#### AutoZone #2898

146 N. Raymond Ave., Fullerton, CA 92831 (714)870-9772() CIWMB#: 30-C-04488

#### AutoZone #5522

1801 Orangethorpe W. Fullerton, CA 92833 (714)870-8286() CIWMB#: 30-C-06062

#### AutoZone #5523

102 N Euclid Fullerton, CA 92832 (714)870-8286() CIWMB#: 30-C-04755

#### EZ Lube #17

4002 N Harbor Blvd., Fullerton, CA 92835 (714)871-9980() CIWMB#: 30-C-03741

#### Firestone Store #27FH

1933 N Placentia Ave., Fullerton, CA 92831 (714)993-7100() CIWMB#: 30-C-02122

#### Fox Service Center

1018 W Orangethorpe Fullerton, CA 92833 (714)879-1430() CIWMB#: 30-C-02318

#### Fullerton College Automotive Technology

321 E Chapman Ave., Fullerton, CA 92832 (714)992-7275() CIWMB#: 30-C-03165

#### Kragen Auto Parts #0731

2978 Yorba Linda Fullerton, CA 92831 (714)996-4780() CIWMR#: 30-C-02628

#### Kragen Auto Parts #4133

904 W Orangethorpe Ave., Fullerton, CA 92832 (714)526-3570() CIWMB#: 30-C-06256

#### Pep Boys #642

1530 S Harbor Blvd., Fullerton, CA 92832 (714)870-0700() CIWMB#: 30-C-01755

#### Sunnyside 76 Car Care Center

2701 N Brea Blvd., Fullerton, CA 92835 (714)256-0773() CIWMR#: 30-C-01381

#### **Garden Grove**

#### 76 Pro Lube Plus

9001 Trask Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92844 (714)393-0590() CIWMB#: 30-C-05276

#### AutoZone #5527

13190 Harbor Blvd., Garden Grove, CA 92843 (714)636-5665() CIWMB#: 30-C-04760

#### David Murray Shell

12571 Vlv View St., Garden Grove, CA 92845 (714)898-0170() CIWMB#: 30-C-00547

#### Express Lube & Wash

8100 Lampson Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92841 (909)316-8261() CIWMB#: 30-C-06544

#### Firestone Store #7180

10081 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840 (714)530-4630() CIWMB#: 30-C-01224

#### Firestone Store #71W3

13961 Brookhurst St., Garden Grove, CA 92843 (714)590-2741() CIWMB#: 30-C-03690

#### Jiffy Lube #1991

13970 Harbor Blvd., Garden Grove, CA 92843 (714)554-0610() CIWMB#: 30-C-05400

#### Kragen Auto Parts #1251

13933 N Harbor Blvd., Garden Grove, CA 92843 (714)554-3780() CIWMB#: 30-C-02663

#### Kragen Auto Parts #1555

9851 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92841 (714)741-8030() CIWMB#: 30-C-04079

#### Nissan of Grarden Grove

9670 Trask Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92884 (714)537-0900() CIWMB#: 30-C-06553

#### Toyota of Garden Grove

9444 Trask Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92844 (714)895-5595()

#### CIWMB#: 30-C-06555 La Habra

#### AutoZone #5532

1200 W Imperial Hwv., La Habra, CA 90631 (562)694-5337() CIWMR#: 30-C-04784

#### **Burch Ford**

201 N Harbor Blvd., La Habra, CA 90631 (562)691-3225() CIWMB#: 30-C-05179

#### Firestone Store #2736

1071 S Beach Blvd., La Habra, CA 90631 (562)691-1731() CIWMB#: 30-C-01169

#### Kragen Auto Parts #1569

1621 W Whittier Blvd., La Habra, CA 90631 (562)905-2538() CIWMB#: 30-C-04076

#### Pep Boys #997

125 W Imperial Hwy., La Habra, CA 90631 (714)447-0601() CIWMR#: 30-C-04026

#### SpeeDee Oil Change & Tune-Up

1580 W Imperial Hwy., La Habra, CA 90631 (562)697-3513()

#### Los Alamitos

Jiffy Lube #1740 3311 Katella Ave., Los Alamitos, CA 90720 (562)596-1827() CIWMB#: 30-C-03529

#### **Midway City**

#### **Bolsa Transmission**

8331 Bolsa Ave., Midway City, CA 92655 (714)799-6158() CIWMB#: 30-C-05768

#### **Placentia**

#### Advanced Auto & Diesel

144 S Bradford Placentia, CA 92870 (714)996-8222() CIWMB#: 30-C-06242

#### Castner's Auto Service

214 S. Bradford Ave., Placentia, CA 92870 (714)528-1311() CIWMB#: 30-C-06452

#### Econo Lube N' Tune

100 W Chapman Ave., Placentia, CA 92870 (714)524-0424() CIWMR#: 30-C-06454

Fairway Ford 1350 E Yorba Linda Blvd., Placentia, CA 92870 (714)524-1200() CIWMB#- 30-C-01863

#### Seal Beach

M & N Coastline Auto & Tire Service 12239 Seal Beach Blvd., Seal Beach, CA 90740 (714)826-1001() CIWMB#: 30-C-04433

Seal Beach Chevron 12541 Seal Beach Blvd., Seal Beach, CA 90740 (949)495-0774(14)

#### Stanton

### CIWMB#: 30-C-06425

AutoZone #2806 11320 Beach Blvd., Stanton, CA 90680 (714)895-7665() CIWMR#: 30-C-04563

#### Joe's Auto Clinic

11763 Beach Blvd., Stanton, CA 90680 (714)891-7715() CIWMB#: 30-C-03253

#### Kragen Auto Parts #1742

11951 Beach Blvd., Stanton, CA 90680 (714)799-7574() CIWMB#: 30-C-05231

#### Scher Tire #20

7000 Katella Ave., Stanton, CA 90680 (714)892-9924() CIWMB#: 30-C-05907

#### USA 10 Minute Oil Change

8100 Lampson Ave., Stanton, CA 92841 (714)373-4432() CIWMB#: 30-C-05909

#### Westminster

#### AutoZone #5543

6611 Westminster Blvd., Westminster, CA 92683 (714)898-2898() CIWMB#: 30-C-04964

#### AutoZone #5544

8481 Westminster Blvd., Westminster, CA 92683 (714)891-3511() CIWMB#: 30-C-04966

#### City of Westminster Corporate Yard

14381 Olive St., Westminster, CA 92683 (714)895-2876(292) CIWMB#: 30-C-02008

#### Honda World

13600 Beach Blvd., Westminster, CA 92683 (714)890-8900() CIWMB#: 30-C-03639

#### Jiffy Lube #1579 CIWMB#: 30-C-02745

6011 Westminster Blvd., Westminster, CA 92683 (714)899-2727()

#### John's Brake & Auto Repair

13050 Hoover St. Westminster, CA 92683 (714)379-2088() CIWMB#: 30-C-05617

#### Kragen Auto Parts #0762

CIWMB#: 30-C-02590

6562 Westminster Blvd., Westminster, CA 92683 (714)898-0810()

Midway City Sanitary District 14451 Cedarwood St., Westminster, CA 92683 (714)893-3553()

#### CIWMB#: 30-C-01626

Pep Boys #653 15221 Beach Blvd., Westminster, CA 92683 (714)893-8544() CIWMB#: 30-C-03415

#### Yorba Linda

AutoZone #5545 18528 Yorba Linda Blvd., Yorba Linda, CA 92886 (714)970-8933()

#### CIWMB#: 30-C-04971

Econo Lube N' Tune 22270 La Palma Ave., Yorba Linda, CA 92887 (714)692-8394()

#### CIWMB#: 30-C-06513

EZ Lube Inc. #41 17511 Yorba Linda Blvd., Yorba Linda, CA 92886 (714)556-1312() CIWMB#: 30-C-05739

#### Firestone Store #27T3

18500 Yorha Linda Blvd Yorha Linda CA 92886 (714)779-1966()

#### CIWMR#: 30-C-01222 Jiffy Lube #1532

16751 Yorba Linda Blvd., Yorba Linda, CA 92886 (714)528-2800() CIWMR#: 30-C-03777

#### Mike Schultz Import Service

4832 Eureka Ave., Yorba Linda, CA 92886 (714)528-4411() CIWMB#: 30-C-04313

#### **Sewage Spill Regulatory Requirements**

Allowing sewage to discharge to a gutter or storm drain may subject you to penalties and/or out-ofpocket costs to reimburse cities or public agencies for clean-up efforts.

Here are the pertinent codes, fines, and agency contact information that apply.

#### **Orange County Stormwater Program** 24 Hour Water Pollution Reporting Hotline 1-877-89-SPILL (1-877-897-7455)

• County and city water quality ordinances prohibit discharges containing pollutants.

#### **Orange County Health Care Agency Environmental Health** (714) 433-6419

California Health and Safety Code. Sections 5410-5416

- No person shall discharge raw or treated sewage or other waste in a manner that results in contamination, pollution or a nuisance.
- · Any person who causes or permits a sewage discharge to any
  - · must immediately notify the local health agency of the discharge.
  - shall reimburse the local health agency for services that protect the public's health and safety (water-contact receiving waters).
  - · who fails to provide the required notice to the local health agency is quilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine (between \$500-\$1,000) and/or imprisonment for less than one year.

#### **Regional Water Quality Control Board** Santa Ana Region San Diego Region (951) 782-4130 (858) 467-2952

· Requires the prevention, mitigation, response to and reporting of sewage spills.

#### **California Office of Emergency Services** (800) 852-7550

California Water Code, Article 4, Chapter 4, Sections 13268-13271 California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Division 3, Chapter 9.2, Article 2, Sections 2250-2260

- Any person who causes or permits sewage in excess of 1,000 gallons to be discharged to state waters shall immediately notify the Office of Emergency Services.
- Any person who fails to provide the notice required by this section is quilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine (less than \$20,000) and/or imprisonment for not more than one year.

## Sewage Spill

**Reference Guide** 

Your Responsibilities as a Private Property Owner

Residences **Businesses** Homeowner/Condominium Associations **Federal and State Complexes** Military Facilities









Health Care Agency **Environmental Health** 

www.ocwatersheds.com

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### What is a **Sewage Spill?**

Sewage spills occur when the wastewater being transported via underground pipes overflows through a manhole, cleanout or broken pipe. Sewage spills can cause health hazards, damage to homes and businesses. and threaten the environment, local waterways and beaches.

#### **Common Causes** of Sewage Spills

Grease builds up inside and eventually blocks sewer pipes. Grease gets into the sewer from food establishments, household drains, as well as from poorly maintained commercial grease traps and interceptors.

**Structure problems** caused by tree roots in the lines. broken/cracked pipes, missing or broken cleanout caps or undersized sewers can cause blockages.

Infiltration and inflow (I/I) impacts pipe capacity and is caused when groundwater or rainwater enters the sewer system through pipe defects and illegal connections.

#### You Are Responsible for a **Sewage Spill Caused by a Blockage** or Break in Your Sewer Lines!

Time is of the essence in dealing with sewage spills. You are required to immediately:

Control and minimize the spill. Keep spills contained on private property and out of gutters, storm drains and public waterways by shutting off or not using the water.

Use sandbags, dirt and/or plastic sheeting to prevent sewage from entering the storm drain system.

Clear the sewer blockage. Always wear gloves and wash your hands. It is recommended that a plumbing professional be called for clearing blockages and making necessary repairs.

Always notify your city sewer/public works department or public sewer district of sewage spills. If the spill enters the storm drains also notify the Health Care Agency. In addition, if it exceeds 1,000 gallons notify the Office of Emergency Services. Refer to the numbers listed in this brochure.



Allowing sewage from your home, business or property to discharge to a gutter or storm drain may subject you to penalties and/or out-of-pocket costs to reimburse cities or public agencies for clean-up and enforcement efforts. See Regulatory Codes & Fines section for pertinent codes and fines that apply.

You Could Be Liable

#### What to Look For

Sewage spills can be a very noticeable gushing of water from a manhole or a slow water leak that may take time to be noticed. Don't dismiss unaccounted-for wet areas.

#### Look for:

- Drain backups inside the building.
- Wet ground and water leaking around manhole lids onto your street.
- · Leaking water from cleanouts or outside drains.
- Unusual odorous wet areas: sidewalks, external walls or ground/landscape around a building.

#### Caution

Keep people and pets away from the affected area. Untreated sewage has high levels of disease-causing viruses and bacteria. Call your local health care agency listed on the back for more information.

If You See a Sewage Spill Occurring, **Notify Your City Sewer/Public Works Department or Public Sewer District IMMEDIATELY!** 

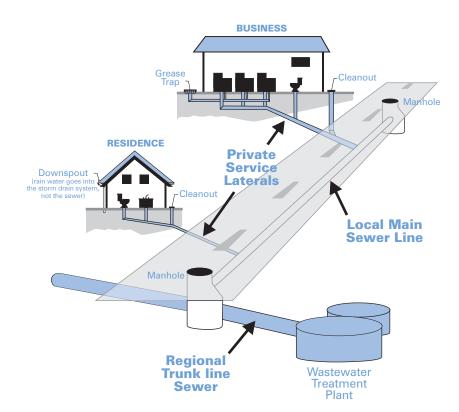




## **How a Sewer System Works**

A property owner's sewer pipes are called service laterals and are connected to larger local main and regional trunk lines. Service laterals run from the connection at the home to the connection with the public sewer (including the area under the street). These laterals are the responsibility of the property owner and must be maintained by the property owner. Many city agencies have adopted ordinances requiring maintenance of service laterals. Check with your city sewer/local public works department for more information.

Operation and maintenance of **local and regional sewer lines** are the responsibility of the city sewer/public works departments and public sewer districts.



## How You Can Prevent Sewage Spills

- **1** Never put grease down garbage disposals, drains or toilets.
- 2 Perform periodic cleaning to eliminate grease, debris and roots in your service laterals.
- Repair any structural problems in your sewer system and eliminate any rainwater infiltration/inflow leaks into your service laterals.

Sewage spills can cause damage to the environment. Help prevent them!

## **Preventing Grease Blockages**

The drain is not a dump! Recycle or dispose of grease properly and never pour grease down the drain.

Homeowners should mix fats, oils and grease with absorbent waste materials such as paper, coffee grounds, or kitty litter and place it in the trash. Wipe food scraps from plates and pans and dump them in the trash.

Restaurants and commercial food service establishments should always use "Kitchen Best Management Practices." These include:

- Collecting all cooking grease and liquid oil from pots, pans and fryers in covered grease containers for recycling.
- Scraping or dry-wiping excess food and grease from dishes, pots, pans and fryers into the trash.
- Installing drain screens on all kitchen drains.
- Having spill kits readily available for cleaning up spills.
- Properly maintaining grease traps or interceptors by having them serviced regularly. Check your local city codes.

## Orange County Agency Responsibilites

- City Sewer/Public Works Departments— Responsible for protecting city property and streets, the local storm drain system, sewage collection system and other public areas.
- Public Sewer/Sanitation District— Responsible for collecting, treating and disposing of wastewater.
- County of Orange Health Care Agency— Responsible for protecting public health by closing ocean/bay waters and may close food-service businesses if a spill poses a threat to public health.
- Regional Water Quality Control Boards— Responsible for protecting State waters.
- Orange County Stormwater Program— Responsible for preventing harmful pollutants from being discharged or washed by stormwater runoff into the municipal storm drain system, creeks, bays and the ocean.

## You Could Be Liable for Not Protecting the Environment

Local and state agencies have legal jurisdiction and enforcement authority to ensure that sewage spills are remedied.

They may respond and assist with containment, relieving pipe blockages, and/or clean-up of the sewage spill, especially if the spill is flowing into storm drains or onto public property.

A property owner may be charged for costs incurred by these agencies responding to spills from private properties.



### **Report Sewage Spills!**

City Sewer/Public Works Department
Aliso Viejo
Anaheim
Brea
Buena Park
Costa Mesa
Cypress
Dana Point (949) 248-356
Fountain Valley (714) 593-460
Fullerton(714) 738-689
Garden Grove(714) 741-537
Huntington Beach (714) 536-592
Irvine (949) 453-530
Laguna Beach (949) 497-076
Laguna Hills (949) 707-265
Laguna Niguel (949) 362-433
Laguna Woods (949) 639-050
La Habra(562) 905-979
Lake Forest (949) 461-348
La Palma (714) 690-331
Los Alamitos (562) 431-353
Mission Viejo
Newport Beach (949) 644-301
Orange
Orange County(714) 567-636
Placentia
Rancho Santa Margarita (949) 635-180
San Clemente
San Juan Capistrano (949) 443-636
Santa Ana (714) 647-338
Seal Beach(562) 431-252
Stanton
Tustin
Villa Park
Westminster
Yorba Linda (714) 961-717

#### **Public Sewer/Water Districts**

Costa Mesa Sanitary District	(714)	393-4433/
	(949)	645-8400
El Toro Water District	(949)	837-0660
Emerald Bay Service District	(949)	494-8571
Garden Grove Sanitary District	(714)	741-5375
Irvine Ranch Water District	(949)	453-5300
Los Alamitos/Rossmoor Sewer District	(562)	431-2223
Midway City Sanitary District (Westminster)	(714)	893-3553
Moulton Niguel Water District	(949)	831-2500
Orange County Sanitation District	(714)	962-2411
Santa Margarita Water District	(949)	459-6420
South Coast Water District	(949)	499-4555
<b>South Orange County Wastewater Authority</b>	(949)	234-5400
Sunset Beach Sanitary District	(562)	493-9932
Trabuco Canyon Sanitary District	(949)	858-0277
Yorba Linda Water District	(714)	777-3018

#### **Other Agencies**

Orange County Health Care Agency	(714)	433-6419
Office of Emergency Services	(800)	852-7550

lean beaches and healthy creeks, rivers, bays and ocean are important to Orange County. However, many common activities can lead to water pollution if you're not careful. Home improvement projects and work sites must be maintained to ensure that building materials do not enter the street, gutter or storm drain. Unlike water in sanitary sewers (from sinks and toilets), water in storm drains is not treated before entering our waterways.

You would never dump building materials into the ocean, so don't let them enter the storm drains. Follow these tips to help prevent water pollution.

For more information,
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Orange County Stormwater Program
at 1-877-89-SPILL (1-877-897-7455)
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www.ocwatersheds.com

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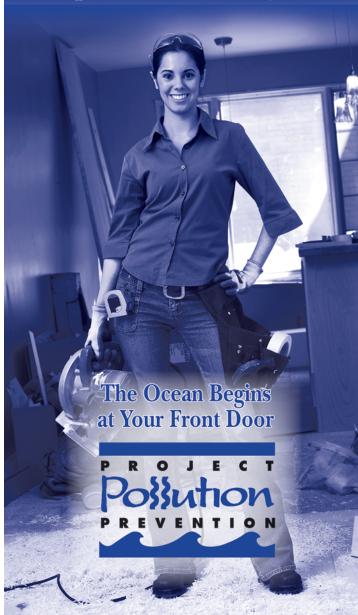
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The tips contained in this brochure provide useful information to help prevent water pollution while performing home improvement projects. If you have other suggestions, please contact your city's stormwater representatives or call the Orange County Stormwater Program.



### Help Prevent Ocean Pollution:

## Tips for Home Improvement Projects

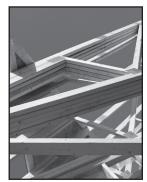


## **Tips for Home Improvement Projects**

Home improvement projects can cause significant damage to the environment. Whether you hire a contractor or work on the house yourself, it is important to follow these simple tips while renovating, remodeling or improving your home:

#### **General Construction**

- Schedule projects for dry weather.
- Keep all construction debris away from the street, gutter and storm drain.
- with temporary roofs or plastic sheets to eliminate or reduce the possibility that rainfall, runoff or wind will carry materials from the project site to the street, storm drain or adjacent properties.



#### **Building Materials**

- Never hose materials into a street, gutter or storm drain.
- Exposed piles of construction material should not be stored on the street or sidewalk.
- Minimize waste by ordering only the amount of materials needed to complete the job.
- Do not mix more fresh concrete than is needed for each project.
- Wash concrete mixers and equipment in a designated washout area where the water can flow into a containment area or onto dirt.
- Dispose of small amounts of dry excess materials in the trash. Powdery waste, such as dry concrete, must be properly contained within a box or bag prior to disposal. Call your local trash hauler for weight and size limits.

#### **Paint**

- Measure the room or object to be painted, then buy only the amount needed.
- Place the lid on firmly and store the paint can upsidedown in a dry location away from the elements.
- Tools such as brushes, buckets and rags should never be washed where excess water can drain into the street, gutter or storm drain. All tools should be rinsed in a sink connected to the sanitary sewer.
- When disposing of paint, never put wet paint in the trash.
- Dispose of water-based paint by removing the lid
  - and letting it dry in the can. Large amounts must be taken to a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center (HHWCC).
- Oil-based paint is a household hazardous waste. All leftover paint should be taken to a HHWCC.
- For HHWCC locations and hours, call (714) 834-6752 or visit www.oclandfills.com.

#### **Erosion Control**

- Schedule grading and excavation projects for dry weather.
- When temporarily removing soil, pile it in a contained, covered area where it cannot spill into the street, or obtain the required temporary encroachment or street closure permit and follow the conditions instructed by the permit.

- When permanently removing large quantities of soil, a disposal location must be found prior to excavation. Numerous businesses are available to handle disposal needs. For disposal options, visit www.ciwmb.ca.gov/SWIS.
- Prevent erosion by planting fast-growing annual and perennial grasses. They will shield and bind the soil.

#### Recycle

- Use a construction and demolition recycling
  - company to recycle lumber, paper, cardboard, metals, masonry (bricks, concrete, etc.), carpet, plastic, pipes (plastic, metal and clay), drywall, rocks, dirt and green waste.



For a listing of construction and demolition recycling locations in your area, visit www.ciwmb.ca.gov/recycle.

#### **Spills**

- Clean up spills immediately by using an absorbent material such as cat litter, then sweep it up and dispose of it in the trash.
- Immediately report spills that have entered the street, gutter or storm drain to the County's 24-Hour Water Pollution Problem Reporting Hotline at (714) 567-6363 or visit www.ocwatersheds.com to fill out an incident reporting form.



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You would never pour gardening products into the ocean, so don't let them enter the storm drains. Follow these easy tips to help prevent water pollution.

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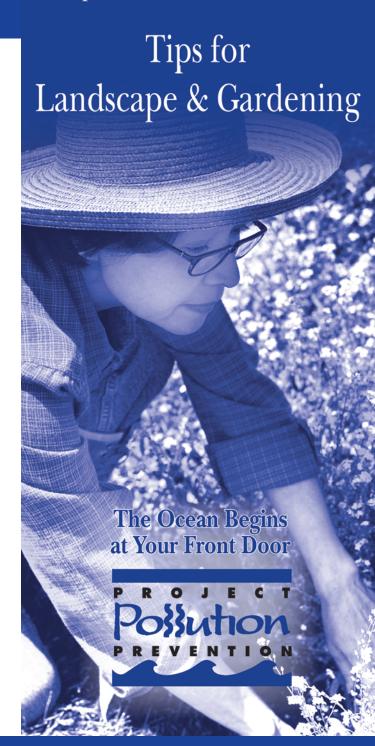
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## Help Prevent Ocean Pollution:



## Tips for Landscape & Gardening

Never allow gardening products or polluted water to enter the street, gutter or storm drain.

#### General Landscaping Tips

- Protect stockpiles and materials from wind and rain by storing them under tarps or secured plastic sheeting.
- Prevent erosion of slopes by planting fast-growing, dense ground covering plants. These will shield and bind the soil.
- ■Plant native vegetation to reduce the amount of water, fertilizers, and pesticide applied to the landscape.
- Never apply pesticides or fertilizers when rain is predicted within the next 48 hours.

#### Garden & Lawn Maintenance

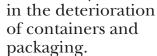
■Do not overwater. Use irrigation practices such as drip irrigation, soaker hoses or micro spray systems. Periodically inspect and fix leaks and misdirected sprinklers.

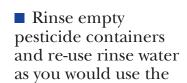
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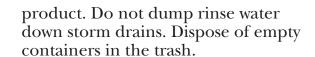
Instead, dispose of green waste by composting, hauling it to a permitted landfill, or recycling it through your

city's program.

- Use slow-release fertilizers to minimize leaching, and use organic fertilizers.
- Read labels and use only as directed. Do not over-apply pesticides or fertilizers. Apply to spots as needed, rather than blanketing an entire area.
- Store pesticides, fertilizers and other chemicals in a dry covered area to prevent exposure that may result







- ■When available, use non-toxic alternatives to traditional pesticides, and use pesticides specifically designed to control the pest you are targeting. For more information, visit www.ipm.ucdavis.edu.
- ■If fertilizer is spilled, sweep up the spill before irrigating. If the spill is liquid, apply an absorbent material such as cat litter, and then sweep it up and dispose of it in the trash.
- Take unwanted pesticides to a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center to be recycled. Locations are provided below.

#### **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Centers**

Anaheim: 1071 N. Blue Gum St. Huntington Beach: 17121 Nichols St. Irvine: 6411 Oak Canyon San Juan Capistrano: 32250 La Pata Ave.

For more information, call (714) 834-6752 or visit www.oclandfills.com



llean beaches and healthy creeks, rivers, bays and ocean are important to Orange County. However, many common activities can lead to water pollution if you're not careful. Pet waste and pet care products can be washed into the storm drains that flow to the ocean. Unlike water in sanitary sewers (from sinks and toilets), water in storm drains is not treated before entering our waterways.

You would never put pet waste or pet care products into the ocean, so don't let them enter the storm drains. Follow these easy tips to help prevent water pollution. For more information,
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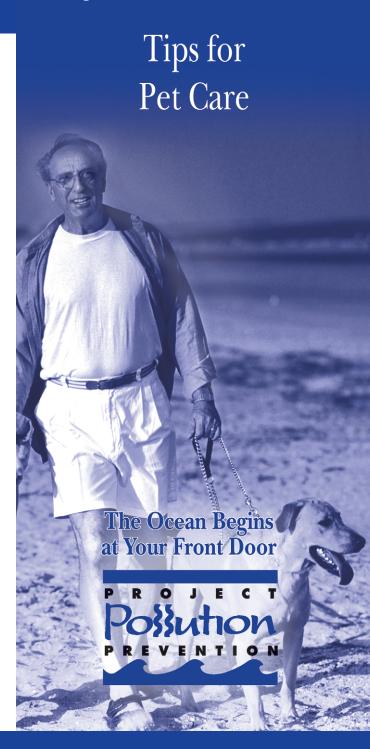
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The tips contained in this brochure provide useful information to help prevent water pollution while caring for your pet. If you have other suggestions, please contact your city's stormwater representatives or call the Orange County Stormwater Program.



## Help Prevent Ocean Pollution:



## **Tips for Pet Care**

Never let any pet care products or washwater run off your yard and into the street, gutter or storm drain.

### Washing Your Pets

Even biodegradable soaps and shampoos can be harmful to marine life and the environment.

- ■If possible, bathe your pets indoors using less-toxic shampoos or have your pet professionally groomed. Follow instructions on the products and clean up spills.
- ■If you bathe your pet outside, wash it on your lawn or another absorbent/permeable surface to keep the washwater from running into the street, gutter or storm drain.



#### Flea Control

- Consider using oral or topical flea control products.
- If you use flea control products such as shampoos, sprays or collars, make sure to dispose of any unused

products at a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center. For location information,



call (714) 834-6752.

## Why You Should Pick Up After Your Pet

It's the law!
Every city has an ordinance requiring you to pick up after your pet.
Besides being a nuisance, pet



waste can lead to water pollution, even if you live inland. During rainfall, pet waste left outdoors can wash into storm drains. This waste flows directly into our waterways and the ocean where it can harm human health, marine life and the environment.

As it decomposes, pet waste demands a high level of oxygen from water. This decomposition can contribute to

killing marine life by reducing the amount of dissolved oxygen available to them.

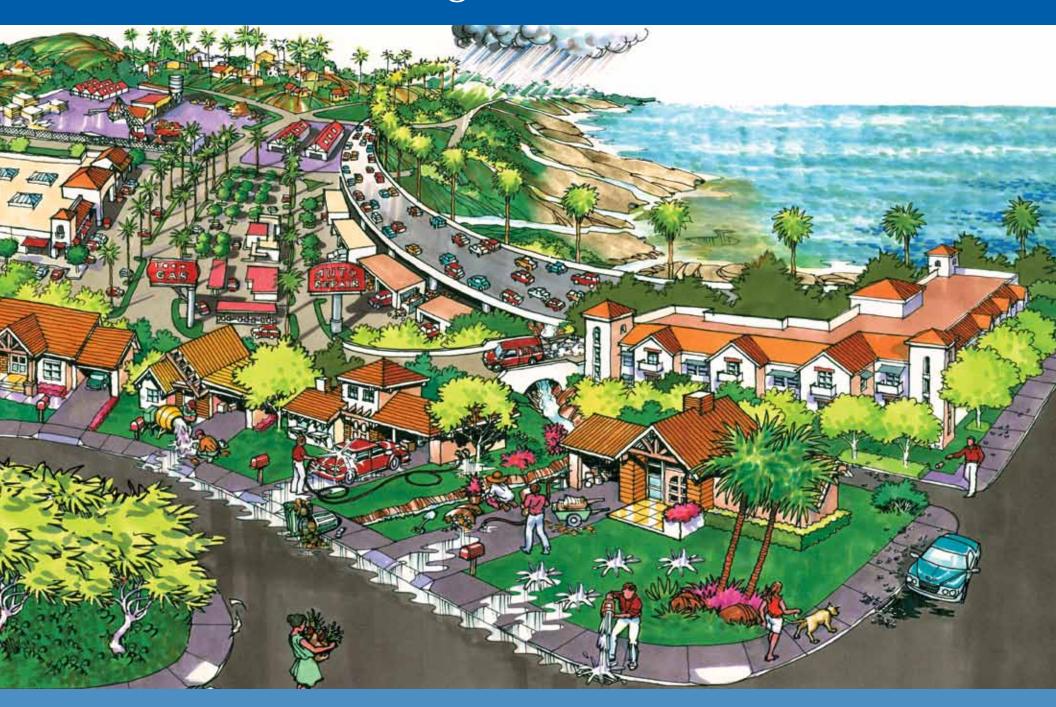
Have fun with your pets, but please be a responsible pet owner by taking



care of them and the environment.

- Take a bag with you on walks to pick up after your pet.
- Dispose of the waste in the trash or in a toilet.

## The Ocean Begins at Your Front Door



#### street, gutter or storm drain!

Follow these simple steps to help reduce water pollution:

#### **Household Activities**

- Do not rinse spills with water. Use dry cleanup methods such as applying cat litter or another absorbent material, sweep and dispose of in the trash. Take items such as used or excess batteries, oven cleaners, automotive fluids, painting products and cathode ray tubes, like TVs and computer monitors, to a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center (HHWCC).
- For a HHWCC near you call (714) 834-6752 or visit www.oclandfills.com.
- Do not hose down your driveway, sidewalk or patio to the street, gutter or storm drain. Sweep up debris and dispose of it in the trash.

#### Automotive

- Take your vehicle to a commercial car wash whenever possible. If you wash your vehicle at home, choose soaps, cleaners, or detergents labeled non-toxic, phosphate-free or biodegradable. Vegetable and citrus-based products are typically safest for the environment.
- Do not allow washwater from vehicle washing to drain into the street, gutter or storm drain. Excess washwater should be disposed of in the sanitary sewer (through a sink or toilet) or onto an absorbent surface like your lawn.
- Monitor your vehicles for leaks and place a pan under leaks. Keep your vehicles well maintained to stop and prevent leaks.
- Never pour oil or antifreeze in the street, gutter or storm drain. Recycle these substances at a service station, a waste oil collection center or used oil recycling center. For the nearest Used Oil Collection Center call 1-800-CLEANUP or visit www.1800cleanup.org.

#### Pool Maintenance

- Pool and spa water must be dechlorinated and free of excess acid, alkali or color to be allowed in the street, gutter or storm drain.
- When it is not raining, drain dechlorinated pool and spa water directly into the sanitary sewer.
- Some cities may have ordinances that do not allow pool water to be disposed of in the storm drain. Check with your city.

#### Landscape and Gardening

- Do not over-water. Water your lawn and garden by hand to control the amount of water you use or set irrigation systems to reflect seasonal water needs. If water flows off your yard onto your driveway or sidewalk, your system is over-watering. Periodically inspect and fix leaks and misdirected sprinklers.
- Do not rake or blow leaves, clippings or pruning waste into the street, gutter or storm drain. Instead, dispose of waste by composting, hauling it to a permitted landfill, or as green waste through your city's recycling program.
- Follow directions on pesticides and fertilizer, (measure, do not estimate amounts) and do not use if rain is predicted within 48 hours.
- Take unwanted pesticides to a HHWCC to be recycled. For locations and hours of HHWCC, call (714) 834-6752 or visit www.oclandfills.com.

#### Trash

- Place trash and litter that cannot be recycled in securely covered trash cans.
- Whenever possible, buy recycled products.
- Remember: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

#### Pet Care

- Always pick up after your pet. Flush waste down the toilet or dispose of it in the trash. Pet waste, if left outdoors, can wash into the street, gutter or storm drain.
- If possible, bathe your pets indoors. If you must bathe your pet outside, wash it on your lawn or another absorbent/permeable surface to keep the washwater from entering the street, gutter or storm drain.
- Follow directions for use of pet care products and dispose of any unused products at a HHWCC.

#### Common Pollutants

#### Home Maintenance

- Detergents, cleaners and solvents
- Oil and latex paint
- Swimming pool chemicals
- Outdoor trash and litter

#### Lawn and Garden

- Pet and animal waste
- Pesticides
- Clippings, leaves and soil
- Fertilizer

#### Automobile

- Oil and grease
- Radiator fluids and antifreeze
- Cleaning chemicals
- Brake pad dust

Even if you live miles from the Pacific Ocean, you may be unknowingly polluting it.

## Dumping one quart of motor oil into a storm drain can contaminate 250,000 gallons of water.

#### Did You Know?

- Most people believe that the largest source of water pollution in urban areas comes from specific sources such as factories and sewage treatment plants. In fact, the largest source of water pollution comes from city streets, neighborhoods, construction sites and parking lots. This type of pollution is sometimes called "non-point source" pollution.
- There are two types of non-point source pollution: stormwater and urban runoff pollution.
- Stormwater runoff results from rainfall. When rainstorms cause large volumes of water to rinse the urban landscape, picking up pollutants along the way.
- Urban runoff can happen any time of the year when excessive water use from irrigation, vehicle washing and other sources carries trash, lawn clippings and other urban pollutants into storm drains.

#### Where Does It Go?

- Anything we use outside homes, vehicles and businesses like motor oil, paint, pesticides, fertilizers and cleaners can be blown or washed into storm drains.
- A little water from a garden hose or rain can also send materials into storm drains.
- Storm drains are separate from our sanitary sewer systems; unlike water in sanitary sewers (from sinks or toilets), water in storm drains is not treated before entering our waterways.

#### Sources of Non-Point Source Pollution

- Automotive leaks and spills.
- Improper disposal of used oil and other engine fluids.
- Metals found in vehicle exhaust, weathered paint, rust, metal plating and tires.
- Pesticides and fertilizers from lawns, gardens and farms.
- Improper disposal of cleaners, paint and paint removers.
- Soil erosion and dust debris from landscape and construction activities.
- Litter, lawn clippings, animal waste, and other organic matter.
- Oil stains on parking lots and paved surfaces.



#### The Effect on the Ocean



Non-point source pollution can have a serious impact on water quality in Orange County. Pollutants from the storm drain system can harm marine life

as well as coastal and wetland habitats. They can also degrade recreation areas such as beaches, harbors and bays.

Stormwater quality management programs have been developed throughout Orange County to educate and encourage the public to protect water quality, monitor runoff in the storm drain system, investigate illegal dumping and maintain storm drains.

Support from Orange County residents and businesses is needed to improve water quality and reduce urban runoff pollution. Proper use and disposal of materials will help stop pollution before it reaches the storm drain and the ocean.



### For More Information

#### **Orange County Stormwater Program**

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California Enviror	mental Protection Agency
www.calepa.ca.gov	

- Air Resources Board www.arb.ca.gov
- Department of Pesticide Regulation www.cdpr.ca.gov
- Department of Toxic Substances Control www.dtsc.ca.gov
- Integrated Waste Management Board www.ciwmb.ca.gov
- Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment www.oehha.ca.gov
- State Water Resources Control Board www.waterboards.ca.gov

**Earth 911 -** Community-Specific Environmental Information 1-800-cleanup or visit www.1800cleanup. org

### Health Care Agency's Ocean and Bay Water Closure and Posting Hotline

(714) 433-6400 or visit www.ocbeachinfo.com

#### Integrated Waste Management Dept. of Orange

**County** (714) 834-6752 or visit www.oclandfills.com for information on household hazardous waste collection centers, recycling centers and solid waste collection

#### O.C. Agriculture Commissioner

(714) 447-7100 or visit www.ocagcomm.com

#### Stormwater Best Management Practice Handbook Visit www.cabmphandbooks.com

#### **UC Master Gardener Hotline**

(714) 708-1646 or visit www.uccemg.com

The Orange County Stormwater Program has created and moderates an electronic mailing list to facilitate communications, take questions and exchange ideas among its users about issues and topics related to stormwater and urban runoff and the implementation of program elements. To join the list, please send an email to ocstormwaterinfo-join@list.ocwatersheds.com

Aliso Viejo	425-2535
Anaheim Public Works Operations (714)	765-6860
Brea Engineering	990-7666
Buena Park Public Works (714)	562-3655
Costa Mesa Public Services (714)	754-5323
Cypress Public Works (714)	229-6740
Dana Point Public Works (949)	248-3584
Fountain Valley Public Works (714)	593-4441
Fullerton Engineering Dept(714)	738-6853
Garden Grove Public Works (714)	741-5956
Huntington Beach Public Works (714)	536-5431
Irvine Public Works (949)	724-6315
La Habra Public Services (562)	905-9792
La Palma Public Works (714)	690-3310
Laguna Beach Water Quality (949)	497-0378
Laguna Hills Public Services (949)	707-2650
Laguna Niguel Public Works (949)	362-4337
Laguna Woods Public Works (949)	639-0500
Lake Forest Public Works (949)	461-3480
Los Alamitos Community Dev (562)	431-3538
Mission Viejo Public Works (949)	470-3056
Newport Beach, Code & Water	
Quality Enforcement (949)	644-3215
Orange Public Works (714)	532-6480
Placentia Public Works (714)	993-8245
Rancho Santa Margarita (949)	635-1800
San Clemente Environmental Programs (949)	361-6143
San Juan Capistrano Engineering (949)	234-4413
Santa Ana Public Works (714)	647-3380
Seal Beach Engineering (562) 431-2	2527 x317
Stanton Public Works (714) 379-9	
Tustin Public Works/Engineering (714)	573-3150
Villa Park Engineering (714)	998-1500
Westminster Public Works/Engineering (714) 898-8	3311 x446
Yorba Linda Engineering	961-7138
Orange County Stormwater Program (877)	897-7455
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Water Pollution Problem Reporting Hotline	-
1-877-89-SPILL (1-877-897-7455)	

On-line Water Pollution Problem Reporting Form

www.ocwatersheds.com

