



Stormwater Pollution Prevention

Home & Garden

Yard waste and household toxins such as paints and pesticides can make their way into the washes -- contaminating soil and water and making our washes unsafe for people and wildlife. Please follow these best management practices to help prevent pollution.



Disposing of Yard Waste

Recycle/compost leaves, grass clippings, and other yard waste instead of blowing, sweeping, or hosing into the street. The City's Department of Public Works will pick up yard waste free of charge. For more information, call 458-7530.

Try *grasscycling* by leaving grass clippings on your lawn instead of using a grass catcher. The clippings act as a natural fertilizer and helps irrigate your lawn since grass is mostly water.



Recycle Household Hazardous Waste

Household products such as paint, pesticides, solvents, and cleaners are too dangerous to dump and too toxic to trash. Take them to be recycled at the County Transfer Station. Call the County Transfer Station at 452-9805 for more information.



Use Fertilizers & Pesticides Safely

Fertilizers and pesticides can be carried into washes by sprinkler runoff. Try using organic or non-toxic alternatives. If you use chemical fertilizers or pesticides, avoid applying near curbs and driveways and never apply before a rain.

The City allows only 200 square feet of turf in the front yards of homes – limiting turf automatically limits fertilizers, pesticides, and water runoff.



Use Water Wisely

Cut your water costs and prevent runoff by controlling the amount of water and direction of sprinklers. Sprinklers should run long enough to allow water to soak into the ground but not so long as to cause runoff.



Planting in the Yard

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

To report possible Stormwater Pollution, please call 452-7017