



Stormwater Pollution Prevention

Home Repair & Remodeling

Paints, solvents, adhesives, and other toxic substances used in home repair and remodeling can make their way into washes -- contaminating soil and water and making our washes unsafe for people and wildlife. Please follow these best management practices to help prevent pollution.



Painting Cleanup

Avoid cleaning brushes or rinsing paint containers in streets, gutters, or near washes. Clean water-based paints in the sink. Clean oil-based paints with thinner that you can filter and reuse. Recycle leftover paint at a household hazardous waste collection facility, save it for touch ups, or give it to someone who can use it, such as theatre group, school, city, or community organization. Call the County Transfer Station at 452-9805 for additional information or call the Department of Public Works at 458-5775 to donate left over paint to help clean up graffiti.

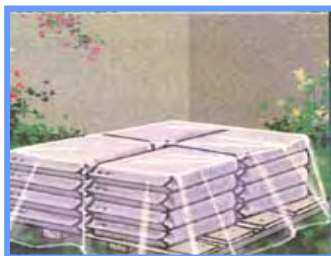
Paint Removal

All waste stripping residue, chips, and dust from marine paints and paints containing lead or tributyl tin are hazardous waste. Sweep them up and dispose of them safely at the County Transfer Station. Call the Transfer Station at 452-9805 for more information.



Construction Projects

Keep construction debris away from streets, gutters, and washes. Schedule grading and excavation projects for dry weather. Cover excavated material and stockpiles of soil, sand, or gravel to protect them from rain, wind, and runoff.



Concrete and Masonry

Store bags of cement and plaster away from gutters and washes. Cover them to protect against rain, wind, and runoff. Sweep or scoop up cement washout or concrete dust instead of hosing into driveways, streets, and gutters.



Landscaping & Gardening

Avoid applying fertilizers or pesticide near curbs and driveways, and protect stored amounts from rain, wind, and runoff. Try using organic or non-toxic alternatives. Reduce runoff and lower your water bill by using drip irrigation, soaker hoses, or micro-spray systems. Recycle/compost leaves instead of blowing, sweeping, or raking them into streets or gutters.

The City's Department of Public Works will pick up yard waste free of charge. For more information, call 458-7530.

Recycle Household Hazardous Waste

Household cleaners, paint, and other home improvement products such as wallpaper and tile adhesives are toxic and should not be placed into the trash. Recycle them instead. Call the County Transfer Station at 452-9805 for more information.

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

To report possible Stormwater Pollution, please call 452-7017