

POLLUTION PREVENTION STORMWATER

HOME REPAIR & REMODELING

Paints, solvents, adhesives and other toxic substances used in home repair and remodeling often make their way into the San Bernardino County storm drain system and do not get treated before reaching the Santa Ana River. This pollutes our drinking water and contaminates waterways, making them unsafe for people and wildlife. Follow these simple tips to prevent pollution and protect your health.



Construction Projects

Keep construction debris away from the street, gutter and storm drains. Schedule grading and excavation projects for dry weather. Cover excavated material and stockpiles of soil, sand or gravel, protected from rain, wind and runoff. Prevent erosion by planting fast-growing annual and perennial grass, which can shield and bind soil.

Recycle Household Hazardous Waste

Household cleaners, paint and other home improvement products like wallpaper and tile adhesives are too toxic to trash. Recycle them instead, at a convenient household hazardous waste collection facility. Call (800) CLEANUP for the facility in your area.



Landscaping & Gardening

Avoid applying fertilizers or pesticide near curbs and driveways, and store covered, protected 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 leaves instead of blowing, sweeping or raking them into the street, gutter or storm drain.

Paint Removal

Paint stripping residue, chips and dust from marine paints and paints containing lead or tributyl tin are hazardous wastes. Sweep them up instead of hosing into the street and dispose of them safely at a household hazardous waste collection facility.



Painting Cleanup

Avoid cleaning brushes or rinsing 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 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, like a theatre group, school, city or community organization.



Concrete and Masonry

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



To report illegal dumping or for more information on storm water pollution prevention, call:

1 (800) CLEANUP

www.1800cleanup.org

