

## **USEFUL TIPS FOR CLEANING-UP ASH & DEBRIS**

REMEMBER! The City's storm drains empty directly into our waterways, beaches, bays and ocean. Please follow these cleanup tips:

As with all outdoor activities, follow the 3c's - Control, Contain, Capture - Do not allow debris to enter the storm drain.

Try not to re-suspend ash and particles into the air. You may do this by using a damp broom or mop. CAREFULLY sweep and dispose of ash and debris first before using water.

Direct water from cleaning activity into landscaping where possible. Ash will not hurt plants or grass.

Protect storm drain inlets with filter fabric.

### **How to Dispose of Ash Laden Pool Water**

#### **For Residents Outside of Scripps Ranch and Tierrasanta-**

In addition to the information contained in the Fact Sheet: "Swimming Pools and Spas: Cleaning, Draining, and Construction" it is important to keep in mind:

Ash-laden pool water should be recaptured instead of released into the storm drain system whenever possible. However, filtering the water with a filter fabric before it enters the Storm Drain conveyance system is acceptable.

You may pump your pool water into the storm drain system if the PH level is 7-8, no algae is present and the water does not contain chemicals to counteract the chlorine.

Make sure the flow is constant and controlled so as to prevent erosion problems.

#### **For Residents in the Scripps Ranch and Tierrasanta Burn Areas-**

The City of San Diego is working to prevent erosion and sediment problems from further damaging your community. Thus, limiting water discharges into the storm drain system to only rain water is important. Please discharge your pool water into the sanitary sewer system. Please filter the water to remove all debris and prevent sewage overflow.

**For specific questions in the City of San Diego call, (619) 235-1000.**

**Think Blue, San Diego!**

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