

Storm Water Pollution Prevention A Guide to Best Management Practices

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Green Waste

REQUIRED ACTIVITY: *Properly store and dispose of green waste.*

DESCRIPTION AND EXAMPLES:

Sweep up and dispose of green matter from landscaping maintenance to prevent it from entering the storm drain system. Use your green bin, and take it to the green waste section of landfill or use appropriately on site.

REASON ACTIVITY IS REQUIRED:

Proper disposal and removal of green waste prevents yard waste from potentially entering the storm drain system and creating excess bacteria.



Pesticide Use

REQUIRED ACTIVITY: *Properly manage pesticide and/or fertilizer use in your yard.*

DESCRIPTION AND EXAMPLES:

Apply pesticides and fertilizers in strict correspondence with manufacturer's guidance. Safely store all chemicals in closed or covered areas. Dispose of all waste products at a household hazardous collection center. When feasible, use integrated pest management principles (plant selection, biological controls, and habitat manipulation) to reduce use of chemicals.

REASON ACTIVITY IS REQUIRED:

Proper pesticide use reduces chemical pollutants in yards, lawns and other areas that could generate water runoff.



Erosion Prevention

REQUIRED ACTIVITY: *Protect your landscaped areas from erosion by maintaining a vegetative cover.*

DESCRIPTION AND EXAMPLES:

Plant and maintain a healthy ground cover on exposed soils to reduce water runoff and erosion that may contain or transport pollutants off your property and into the storm drain system. Other examples could include using mulch and other ground cover.

REASON ACTIVITY IS REQUIRED:

Providing ground cover protects soil, can reduce erosion, and prevents associated pollutants (such as dirt) from entering and clogging the storm drain system.



By adopting these practices, you can help keep our waterways clean and avoid fines.



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Under the City of San Diego's Municipal Code §43.0301, Storm Water Management and Discharge Control ordinance, it is illegal to discharge pollutants into the storm water conveyance system. Fines can be up to \$1000

Excerpt from: Jurisdictional Urban Runoff Management Plan (JURMP), Appendix XII. "Minimum BMPs for Residential Areas and Activities"

Please see <http://www.sandiego.gov/thinkblue/contact/urmp.shtml> for more information.