

Storm Water Pollution Prevention A Guide to Best Management Practices

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Residential Guide

Wash Water and Irrigation Runoff

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Residential: Wash Water and Irrigation Runoff

Wash Water

REQUIRED ACTIVITY: Wash your vehicles in designated areas and use practices to minimize wash water from entering the storm drain system.

DESCRIPTION AND EXAMPLES: Minimize water runoff when washing your vehicles (it contains pollutants such as brake dust and oil). Where feasible, drain the wash water to, or wash on, a permeable area such as a lawn or landscaping. This will minimize pollutants from entering the storm drain system. Use a control nozzle or similar method to minimize unnecessary amounts of water runoff. Other examples of helpful activities include using a car wash that recycles water, washing vehicles on your lawn (it won't kill your grass), or draining the water into your landscaping.

REASON ACTIVITY IS REQUIRED: Washing on pervious surfaces prevents water runoff and pollutants from potentially entering the storm drain system by keeping them onsite and allowing them to soak into the ground.



Over Irrigation

REQUIRED ACTIVITY: Eliminate over irrigation runoff from entering the storm drain system.

DESCRIPTION AND EXAMPLES: Eliminate over irrigation runoff to the storm drain system by using proper landscape maintenance and watering practices. Some irrigation runoff may occur due to broken sprinklers, irrigation system failures, etc, so properly maintain irrigation systems by fixing broken sprinklers or other system components, control over-spray, and abide by local watering restrictions. Examples of could include: using a moisture meter, adjusting sprinkler times, or using ground cover.

REASON ACTIVITY IS REQUIRED: Proper landscape maintenance reduces the potential for water from over-irrigation to enter storm drain system.



**If leaking or clogged storm drains are around your property call (619) 236-5500.
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.