

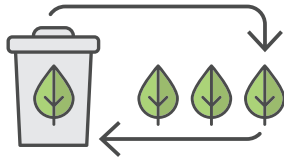


DISCHARGE TO THE STORM DRAIN, ACCIDENTAL OR NOT, COULD LEAD TO ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS AND FINES

Sustainable Practices for Landscape Maintenance

Your contributions make a difference in the way you maintain your yard. Learn how to truly be a “green” thumb and prevent stormwater pollution.

Recycle Yard Waste



Yard waste, like grass and leaves, can block the storm drain or carry harmful chemicals into it.

- Recycle yard waste by placing them into your greenwaste container.
- Do not blow, sweep, rake, or hose yard waste into the street or catch basin.
- Try grasscycling by leaving clippings on the lawn when mowing.

For more information, visit www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/grasscycling.

Use Safe Products



Fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides are often carried into the storm drain by sprinkler runoff.

- Use natural and non-toxic alternatives as often as possible.
- Spot-apply, rather than blanketing entire areas.

Apply chemicals directly to the area that needs treatment.

- Read the product label and use only as directed.
- Never apply before a rain.

Use Water Wisely



Conserving water minimizes the amount of urban runoff going into the street.

- Control the amount of water and direction of sprinklers.

The average lawn only needs about an inch of water a week or 10 to 20 minutes of watering.

- Periodically inspect and fix sprinklers for leaks.

Realign sprinkler heads to make sure water is distributed onto the lawn and not onto the sidewalk.

- Plant native vegetation to reduce the need of water.



HOMEOWNERS

Keep these tips in mind when hiring professional landscapers and remind them as necessary.



Leftover pesticides, fertilizers, and herbicides contaminate landfills and should be disposed of through a Household Hazardous Waste Center*.

For more information on proper disposal, call 1 (800) OILYCAT or visit tootoxictotrash.com.

*FREE for San Bernardino County residents. Businesses can call for cost inquiries and to schedule an appointment.

To report illegal dumping or toxic spills, call (877) WASTE18 or visit tootoxictotrash.com

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