

Storm Water Pollution Prevention

Construction

Sediment, vehicle fluids, dust and debris from construction sites can be picked up by rain and irrigation water and swept into the Los Angeles County storm drain system. This water flows untreated into the San Gabriel River and eventually into the ocean, contaminating our waterways and making them unsafe for people and wildlife. Follow these simple tips to help prevent pollution and protect the health of your family and community.



Preventing Erosion

Avoid excavation or grading during wet weather. Plant temporary vegetation or add hydromulch on slopes where construction is not immediately planned, and permanent vegetation once excavation and grading are complete. Construct diversion dikes to channel runoff into a detention basin and around the construction site. Channels can be lined with grass or roughened pavement to reduce runoff velocity.

Maintaining Vehicles & Equipment

Maintain and refuel vehicles and equipment at a single location on-site, away from the street, gutter and storm drains. Perform major equipment repairs and washings off-site. Inspect vehicles and equipment frequently for leaks, and prevent leaks from stored vehicles by draining gas, hydraulic oil, transmission, brake and radiator fluids.

Ordering Materials & Recycling Waste

Reduce waste by ordering only the amounts of materials needed for the job. Use recycled or recyclable materials whenever possible. You can recycle broken asphalt, concrete, wood, and cleared vegetation. Non-recyclable materials should be taken to a landfill or disposed of as hazardous waste. For recycling and disposal information, call the City's exclusive franchise waste hauler, Valley Vista Services (800) 442-6454.



Cleaning & Preventing Spills

Use a drip pan and funnel when draining or pouring fluids. Sweep up dry spills, instead of hosing. Be ready for spills by preparing and using spill containment and cleanup kits that include safety equipment and dry cleanup materials such as kitty

litter or sawdust. To report serious spills, call 911.

Store Materials Safely

Keep construction materials and debris away from the street, gutter and storm drains. Cover exposed excavated or stockpiled materials (such as soil, sand or gravel) with plastic sheeting to protect them from rain, wind and runoff.

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 (888) CLEANLA for the facility in your area.



For specific questions on storm water pollution prevention, contact: The City of Walnut
21201 La Puente Rd.
Walnut, CA 9189
909-595-7543

To report illegal dumping or for general storm water pollution prevention information, contact: 1 (888) CLEANLA
www.888cleanla.com