

Storm Water Pollution Prevention

Home Repair

Toxic dust and debris from home repair and remodeling can be picked up by rain and irrigation water and swept into the Los Angeles County storm drain system. This polluted 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.



Construction Projects

Keep construction debris away from the street, gutter and storm drains. Schedule grading and excavation projects for dry weather. Cover excavated material and stockpiles of material such as soil, sand or gravel, to protect from rain, wind and runoff. Prevent

erosion by planting fast-growing annual and perennial grass, which can shield and bind soil.

Landscaping & Gardening

Avoid applying fertilizers or pesticide near curbs and driveways, and store covered, protected from rain, wind and runoff. Try using organic or nontoxic alternatives. Reduce runoff and lower your water bill by using drip irrigation, soaker hoses or micro-spray systems. Recycle leaves instead of blowing, sweeping or raking them into the street, gutter or storm drain.



Concrete and Masonry

Store bags of cement and plaster away from gutters and storm drains, and cover them to protect against rain, wind and runoff. Sweep or scoop up cement washout or concrete dust instead of hosing into driveways, streets, gutters or storm drains.

Paint Removal & Cleanup

Paint stripping residue (such as chips and dust) from paints containing lead or tributyl tin are hazardous wastes. Sweep them up instead of hosing into the street and dispose of them safely at a household hazardous waste collection facility. Avoid cleaning brushes or rinsing paint containers in the street, gutter or near a storm drain. Clean water-based paints in the sink. Oil-based paints may be cleaned with thinner, which you can filter and reuse. Recycle leftover paint at a household hazardous waste collection facility, save it for touch ups or give it to someone who can use it, like a theatre group, school, or community organization.



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:

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To report illegal dumping or for general storm water pollution prevention information, contact:

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