

# Storm Water Pollution Prevention

## PAINTING

Improper post-painting cleanup or disposal can lead to chemicals being 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 your health.



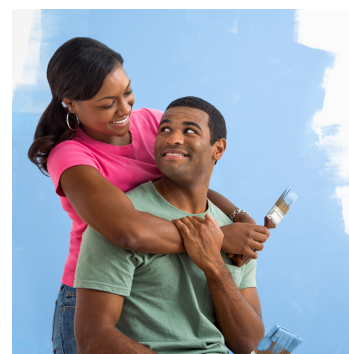
### Water-Based Paints

When considering paint, use water-based paints whenever possible. They are less toxic than oil-based paints and easier to clean up. Look for products labeled "latex" or "cleans with water."



### Paint Removal

Sweep up paint stripping residue (such as chips and dust) instead of hosing into the street. Dispose of them safely at a household hazardous waste collection facility. Call (800) CLEANUP for the facility in your area.



### Painting Cleanup

Never clean brushes or rinse paint containers in the street, gutter or near a storm drain. Clean water-based paints in the sink. Clean oil-based paints with thinner, which can be reused by putting it in a jar to settle out the paint particles and then pouring off the clear liquid for future use. Wrap dried paint residue in newspaper and dispose of it in the trash.



### Exterior Paint Removal

When stripping or cleaning building exteriors with high pressure water, block nearby storm drains and divert wash-water onto a designated dirt area. Ask your local wastewater treatment authority if you can collect building cleaning wastewater and discharge it to the sewer.

### Recycling Paint

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. Call (800) CLEANUP for the facility in your area.



For specific questions on storm water pollution prevention, contact:

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