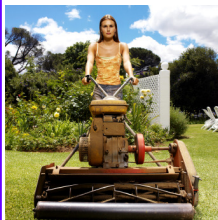


Storm Water Pollution Prevention

Garden

Yard waste, fertilizers and garden toxics (pesticides) 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.



Yard Waste Disposal

Don't blow, sweep, or hose leaves, grass clippings and other yard waste into the street or gutter. Place all yard waste in your green waste refuse barrel or try grasscycling (leaving grass clippings on your lawn). Grass clippings can act as a natural fertilizer, and because grass is mostly water, it also irrigates your lawn, conserving water.



Use Fertilizers & Pesticides Safely

Fertilizers and pesticides are often carried into the storm drain system by sprinkler runoff. Try using organic or non-toxic alternatives. If you use chemical fertilizers or pesticides, avoid applying near curbs and driveways and never apply just before it rains.



Use Water Wisely

Cut your water costs and prevent runoff by controlling the amount of water and direction of sprinklers. The average lawn needs about an inch of water a week, including rainfall, or 10 to 20 minutes of watering. A half-inch per week is enough for fall and spring. Sprinklers should be on long enough to allow water to soak into the ground but not so long as to cause runoff.

There are three water providers serving the residents of Walnut. For links to these water providers and updates on water conservation requirements, visit the City of Walnut's "Go Green With Walnut" webpage at www.ci.walnut.ca.us (Keyword: "Go Green").



Planting in the Yard

Produce less yard waste and save water by planting low maintenance, drought-tolerant trees and shrubs. Use drip irrigation, soaker hoses or micro-spray systems for your landscaping to help reduce your water bill and prevent runoff.



Recycle Household Hazardous Waste

Household products like paint, pesticides, solvents & cleaners are too dangerous to dump and too toxic to trash. Take them to a convenient household hazardous waste collection facility. Call (800) CLEANUP for the facility in your area.

For specific questions on storm water pollution prevention, contact:

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
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