

WASHWATER DISPOSAL!

- ✓ Dispose of wash water in a mop sink or an area with a floor drain.
- ⊘ **Do not** dispose of wash water in the street, gutter, planter area or storm drain.

REMEMBER, You are the Solution to Stormwater Pollution!

A clean ocean and healthy creeks, bays and beaches are important to the City of San Luis Obispo. However, many routine landscape and building maintenance activities can lead to water pollution if you're not careful. Paint, chemicals, plant clippings and other materials can be blown or washed into storm drains that flow to our local creeks and then to the ocean. Unlike water in sanitary sewers (from sinks and toilets), water in storm drains and streets is not treated before entering our waterways.

You would never pour soap or fertilizers into the ocean, so why would you let them enter the storm drains? Follow the easy tips in this brochure to help prevent water pollution.

Some types of commercial and industrial facilities are required to obtain coverage under the State General Industrial Permit. For more information visit: www.swrcb.ca.gov/stormwater/industrial.html.

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EMERGENCIES OR SPILLS!

To report a discharge or spill of **OTHER LIQUID MATERIALS** call (805) 781-7530 or call the City of San Luis Obispo 24-Hour Water Pollution Problem Reporting Hotline at (805) 783-7876 or visit <http://www.slocity.org/publicworks>, then *stormwater* to contact us electronically.

To report a discharge or spill of **HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**, call the City's Hazardous Materials Coordinator at (805) 781-7383 or electronically at kboyle@slocity.org.

To report a discharge or spill of **SEWAGE** (Known or suspected) immediately call the City of San Luis Obispo Utilities Department at (805) 781-7215 or (805) 781-7220 immediately.

For **OTHER EMERGENCIES**, call 911.

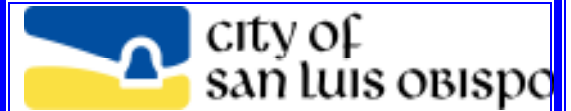
The tips contained in this brochure provide useful information to help prevent water pollution from local businesses. If you have other suggestions, please contact us via: <http://www.slocity.org/publicworks>, then *stormwater*.



More Information Call

(805) 781-7530

Or visit our website at:
<http://www.slocity.org/publicworks>,
then stormwater.



Best Management

Practices for

Businesses

Help Prevent Water Pollution!



There are many activities performed at businesses every day that can have a deleterious effect upon our local waterways and environment, if not properly conducted. Here are some useful tips and guidelines for local businesses to prevent water pollution.

More Information Call

(805) 781-7530



Businesses & Water Pollution



LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE!

- ✓ Compost grass clippings, leaves, sticks and other vegetation, or dispose of at a permitted landfill or in green waste containers. **Do not** dispose of these materials in streets, waterways or storm drains.
- ✓ Irrigate slowly and inspect the system for leaks, over spraying and runoff. For proper irrigation techniques call (805) 781-7215.
- ✓ Adjust automatic timers to avoid over-watering.
- ✓ Follow label directions for the use and disposal of fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides.
- ✓ Do not apply pesticides, herbicides or fertilizers if rain is expected within 48 hours or if wind speeds are above 5 mph.
- ✓ Do not spray pesticides within 100 feet of waterways.
- ✓ Fertilizers should be worked into the soil rather than dumped onto the surface.



- ✓ If fertilizer is spilled on the pavement or sidewalk, sweep it up immediately and place it back in the container.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE!

- ✓ Never allow wash water, sweepings or sediment to enter the storm drain.
- ✓ Sweep up dry spills and use cat litter, towels or similar materials to absorb wet spills. Dispose of in the trash.
- ✓ If you must wash your building, sidewalk or parking lot, you must capture all of the water. Collect the water with a shop vacuum, and dispose of via a sanitary sewer connection; sink or wash tub.
- ⊘ **Do not** let water enter the street or storm drains.
- ✓ Use drop cloths underneath outdoor painting, scraping, and sandblasting work, and properly dispose of materials in the trash.
- ✓ Use a ground cloth or oversized tub for mixing paint and cleaning tools.
- ✓ Use a damp mop or broom to clean floors.



- ✓ Cover dumpsters to block insects, animals, rainwater and sand. Keep the area around the dumpster clear of trash and debris. Do not overfill the dumpster. Prior to and just after the rainy season have the dumpster area steam cleaned and capture all liquids for proper collection and disposal via a



sanitary sewer system via a grease trap interceptor.

- ✓ Call your trash hauler to replace leaking dumpsters.

- ⊘ **Do not** dump any toxic substance or liquid waste on the pavement, the ground, or toward a storm drain. Even materials that seem harmless—like latex paint or biodegradable cleaners—can damage the environment.
- ✓ Recycle paints, solvents and other materials via a Hazardous Waste Collection Company. **Do not** dispose of via your regular refuse service.
- ✓ Store materials indoors or under cover and away from storm drains.
- ✓ Use chemicals that can be recycled. For more information visit: <http://www.slo.city.org/utilities/conservation>.