



Please consider the best management practices (BMPs) in this brochure to assist with stormwater pollution prevention:

- Contain all site materials and cleanup material spills without using water.

*If water is absolutely necessary fully contain wash area and assure **all** wash water is captured and properly disposed.*

- Dry sweep outdoor areas and avoid using water.
- Rinse floor mats in the utility sink, **not** outdoors.
- Properly dispose of all yard waste in your black cart.
- Properly dispose of trash, construction, and hazardous waste.
- **Do not dump or pour leftover materials in the gutter, street, or storm drains.**
- Pick up and properly dispose of pet waste.
- Keep dumpster lids closed and do not overfill.

Illegal disposal of any material other than stormwater (rain water) in the storm drain system is a violation of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit (Section 402 of the Federal Clean Water Act) and the Alhambra Municipal Code Title XVI: Chapter 16.34. Violators can be subject to serious financial penalties in excess of \$10,000 per day.

Only Rain Goes Down The Drain!



For more information contact Environmental Compliance

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The City of Alhambra appreciates your efforts in preventing stormwater pollution.

Stormwater Pollution Prevention



General information regarding stormwater and pollution prevention practices

It's Up To Us to Prevent Stormwater Pollution



The City of Alhambra has two (2) drainage systems,

(1) the sewers

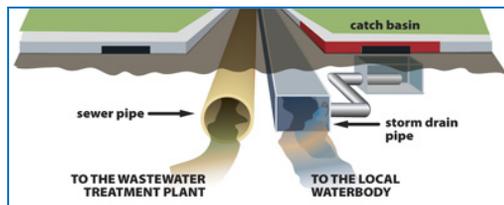


(2) the storm drains



The storm drain system was designed to prevent flooding by carrying excess rain water away from City streets out to the Los Angeles River and finally, out to the ocean.

During storms in urban areas, rainwater runoff picks up pollutants generated from commercial businesses, residential areas, streets, and sidewalks, directly to lakes, rivers, or beaches, causing stormwater pollution. Pollutants such as sediment (dirt), paint, plaster, yard waste, used motor oil, animal waste, and trash contain chemicals and bacteria that are harmful to aquatic life and humans.



Stormwater pollution can also be caused by nuisance water from sources such as irrigation systems, swimming pool or spa discharges, residential car washing, driveway and pavement rinsing. These sources can also carry pollutants directly to lakes, rivers, and beaches.

Household and Business Activities

- ✗ **Do not** rinse any outdoor spills with water.
Use dry cleanup methods such as applying cat litter or another absorbent material, sweep it up completely and dispose of it in the trash.
- Take items such as used or excess batteries, cleaners, automotive fluids, painting products, TVs and computer monitors, to a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Event.
- ✗ **Do not** hose down your driveway, sidewalk, patios, floor mats, or parking lots to the street, gutter or storm drain.
- Sweep up debris and dispose of it in the trash.
- ✗ **Do not** discharge/pour any waste water or wash water to the sidewalk, street, gutter or storm drain.

For a HHW Event or collection locations in and around Alhambra call (888) CLEAN LA

Landscape and Gardening



- ✗ **Do not** rake or blow leaves, clippings or pruning waste into the street, gutter or storm drain.

Instead, dispose of waste by composting, hauling it to a permitted landfill, or as green waste through your city's recycling program.

Follow directions on pesticides and fertilizer, (measure, do not estimate amounts) and **do not use if rain is predicted within 48 hours.**

Pool/Spa Discharge

Prior to discharge Pool and spa water must be dechlorinated and free of excess acid, alkali or color and must not cause or contribute to stormwater pollution.

Non-commercial Pool/spa water may be discharged as follows:

1. When it is not raining, drain dechlorinated pool and spa water directly into the sanitary sewer via the P-trap.

If sanitary sewer access is not available:

2. Drain into landscape areas **without** causing erosion or allowing sediment and other materials to enter the street, gutter or storm drain.

If sanitary sewer and landscape drainage are not feasible, discharge to the storm drain system as follows:

3. Assure all chemicals are removed from pool/spa.
4. Assure the pool/spa is free and clear of algae and other organisms that cause water discoloration.

Even if you live miles from the beach you can still contribute to polluting it ...

