

Remember: Only Rain Down the Storm Drain



Homeowners Associations

Stormwater Best Management Practices

As a property owner or Homeowners Association you are responsible for maintaining your stormwater structures and preventing stormwater pollution. Help prevent pollutants such as trash, fertilizers, pesticides, and sediment from making their way into storm drains and ultimately to our local washes and rivers.

Pesticides, Herbicides & Fertilizers



Apply chemicals to targeted areas only in precise amounts as directed by the manufacturer.

Use less potent, non-toxic products.



Schedule application on days with no rainfall.

Never let pesticides or fertilizers runoff into streets, gutters or storm drains.

Maintenance & Schedules



Stormwater devices, including dry wells, must be kept clear of debris and functional.

Clean landscaping waste and walkways with a broom and dispose of waste properly.



Report erosion or damaged storm structures to HOA management promptly for repair.

Use drip irrigation and adjust irrigation controller seasonally to prevent runoff into the streets.

Maintain a cost-effective, compliant and environmentally friendly property.
Remember: It is a violation of City, State and Federal regulations to discharge pollutants to the storm drain system (including streets and gutters).



Plan

Create and maintain an inventory and/or map of draining structure locations.

- Learn your city's requirements
- Set aside funding and dates to:
 - Clean out catch basins and culverts
 - Inspect drywells and remove debris as necessary.
 - Hire a street sweeper for parking lots

Do

- **STORE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS** and substances under cover and consider secondary containment devices to prevent a release onto/off the property.
- **COLLECT TRASH** regularly to ensure it does not leave the site.
- **CLEAN HARD SURFACES**
Always sweep hard surfaces first. If washing the surface is necessary, remove trash, leaves and other debris first.

Check

After it rains (within 36 hours):

- Verify all drainage structures have drained and there are no mosquito larvae.
- Ensure that stormwater leaving your property is free of pollutants.
- Know whether stormwater stays on your site or flows into adjacent drainage structures.

Stormwater Maintenance Guide



WEEKLY

WALK around facility to check that catch basins, scuppers, spillways, and drywells are free of debris. Check parking lots for accumulated sediment (dirt), trash, or debris.

MONTHLY

INSPECT dry washes and waterways for excessive erosion, and overgrown vegetation that could prevent stormwater from flowing.

ANNUALLY

HIRE a professional to inspect drywells and other drainage structures.

