

## Pesticides & Fertilizers

- Instead of using pesticides, control bugs naturally or use a less toxic pest control product.
- Read product labels before using, and follow directions when applying pesticides and fertilizers.
- Sweep excess fertilizers back into your yard, not into the street or sidewalk.
- Never apply pesticides or fertilizers near storm drains or other water bodies or before rain is forecasted.
- Store pesticides, fertilizers, and other chemicals in a covered area to prevent runoff.
- Take unwanted pesticides and fertilizers to a household hazardous waste collection site to be recycled.



## Yard Waste



- Never allow yard waste to be washed down or put into storm drains, ditches, detention areas, or other drainage ways.
- Do not sweep or blow grass clippings into the street or a storm drain.
- Try letting grass clippings drop on your lawn instead of using a grass catcher. The clippings act as a natural fertilizer.
- Improper disposal of yard waste increases the accumulation of debris which in turn can lead to blockages that inhibit proper drainage.

## Home Improvement

- Never dump paint or paint-related products in the trash, gutter or storm drain. Instead, take them to a household hazardous waste collection site to be recycled.
- Use water-based paints if possible.
- Avoid cleaning brushes used or rinsing containers used while painting in the street or gutter. If you are using a water-based paint, brushes can be rinsed in the sink. For oil-based paint, brushes should be cleaned with thinner, which can be filtered and reused.



- Keep all construction debris away from the street, gutter, and storm drains.
- Do not dispose of cement washout or concrete dust into driveways, streets, gutters, or storm drains.

## Vehicle Maintenance

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- When changing the oil in your car by yourself, recycle your used oil and oil filter at a certified collection center or household hazardous waste site.
- Clean up any leaks or spills with an absorbent material such as kitty litter or saw dust.
- Antifreeze can be used indefinitely. If dirty, strain through a piece of nylon mesh in a funnel and put back in radiator.
- Wash your vehicle at a washing facility that reclaims water. This prevents oil, grease, and toxic fluids from washing into the street and storm drain system.
- If you wash your vehicle at home, choose a site where the wash water can soak into grass or be diverted into nearby landscaping.



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## STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION

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### TIPS FOR RESIDENTS

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#### What is Stormwater Runoff?

Impervious surfaces such as streets, parking lots, and sidewalks prevent stormwater generated from rain and snowmelt events from naturally soaking into the ground. Stormwater runoff flows over land or impervious surfaces, collecting a variety of urban debris. These pollutants are then carried into the storm sewer system and deposited into local waterbodies.