



Irrigation Runoff

Let's All Do Our Part!

Most residents are concerned about keeping our waterways clean. In fact, surveys conducted across San Diego County show that **more than 50% of residents** believe that pollution of our beaches, lakes, and creeks directly affects them and their families.

We're Here To Help.

The **City of Escondido Environmental Programs Division** supports residents in their efforts to prevent pollution and water waste by offering these important **tips for reducing water runoff** from yards, lawns, and gardens—contributors to urban pollution in our local waterways.



Water that is released to the streets, gutters, and storm drains in San Diego County IS NOT TREATED before it reaches our local creeks, rivers, and the ocean. All sources of pollution, including irrigation runoff, are prohibited from leaving your property and entering streets or storm drains. Only rain in the storm drain.

What Can You Do To Keep Our Waterways Clean?

- **Adjust sprinklers** so they don't spray onto streets and sidewalks.
- **Repair leaking** or broken sprinklers.
- **Water in short cycles** to allow water to absorb into the soil.
- **Water before 10 a.m. or after 6 p.m.** Cooler temperatures reduce evaporation.
- **Replace turf** with drought-tolerant or native plants. Visit www.WaterSmartSD.org for current rebate and incentive programs.
- **Turn off sprinklers** during and within 48-hours of a rain event.

Thank you for doing your part to protect our waterways.

Contact Us For More Information.

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