

City of Escondido Storm Water Special Event Controls

Event organizers must ensure that their event – whether on public or private property – complies with all storm water regulations, including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Storm Drains – Only Rain in the Storm Drain

- a. Do not pour liquids – including water – into the drain.
- b. Do not sweep anything – including dirt – into the drain.
- c. Do not allow trash to get near or enter the drain.
- d. Set up booths and activities away from drains as much as possible.
- e. Prevent trash/debris from entering the storm drain.

2. Trash & Debris Containment

- a. Provide trash and recycling containers throughout the venue and at entrances/exits.
- b. Maintain trash / recycling containers, and the area surrounding them, during the entire event, including set up and tear down times.
- c. Do not allow containers to overflow; keep covered as much as possible.
- d. Collect trash and debris for proper disposal during and after the event.

3. Portable Toilets

- a. Confirm vendor follows requirement for secondary containment, for example set in a tray or on landscaping.
- b. Locate away from curbs and gutters.
- c. Remove by next business day following conclusion of event.

4. Spill Kits

- a. Vendors must have spill kits available as appropriate for their activity (food, beverage, chemical, other liquids).
- b. Typical equipment: paper/cloth towels, kitty litter and/or sand; broom and dustpan.
- c. All spills & spill cleanup materials must be disposed of properly.

5. In the Event of Rain (or 50% or higher chance of rain)

- a. Remove any drain screens that may have been installed.

For questions, contact Environmental Programs at water@escondido.org
To comply with regional storm water permit & Escondido Municipal Code Chap. 22 Art. 2

Storm Water Basics

A **watershed** is an area of land that drains to a common point. For example, in the Escondido Creek Watershed, a drop of water that falls near Lake Wohlford can trickle down the hills into Escondido Creek and eventually to the ocean via the San Elijo Lagoon in Encinitas.

Storm drains are pipe and channel systems that prevent flooding of our streets by channeling storm water directly to our creeks and lakes. Anything that flows into the storm drains ends up in our water ways untreated.

We are responsible for protecting Escondido's waterways by monitoring the storm drain system and preventing pollution from entering the drains. **The only substance allowed in the storm drain is *rain water*.** All solids: dirt, litter, trash, ice, leaves, etc. should be swept away and disposed of in appropriate trash receptacles. All liquids: sports drinks, melting ice, sprinkler runoff, etc. should be diverted to planted areas where the liquid can infiltrate the soil. By ensuring the storm drains are free of litter, we are upholding our responsibility to protect our precious waterways through pollution prevention.



Only Rain in the Storm Drain!

Report Pollutant Discharges: If a spill is observed entering the storm drain system, **report the discharge to the City's Storm Water Hotline: 760 – 839 – 4668.**