

# BE THE SOLUTION TO STORM WATER POLLUTION

City of Escondido Environmental Programs

## What is storm water pollution?

Storm water pollution is the untreated water that drains from streets, parking lots, driveways, sidewalks and other impervious surfaces.

## Where does it go?

The **storm drain system** is made up of curbs, gutters, and pipes. All water that drains off our yard, streets, and parking lots goes into the storm drain system and ends up in our creeks, rivers, and ocean completely **untreated!**

**Storm Water is  
Untreated**

**storm drains are  
NOT connected  
to the sewer system!**

## What can I do to help?

Pick Up After Your Pets

Wash Paint Brushes in the Sink

Properly Dispose of Trash

Sweep it, Don't Hose it Down

Report an Illegal Discharge:  
760.839.4668

Dispose of Hazardous Materials by calling  
Escondido Disposal: 760.745.3203

# PROTECTING WATER QUALITY

## Landscaping

- ★ Decrease the use of lawn and garden care products such as pesticides, weed killers, and chemical fertilizers. Consider using non-toxic pest control methods.
- ★ Avoid over watering which may wash these products into the storm drains.
- ★ Use rain barrels to collect rainwater.  
For rebates: [socialwatersmart.com](http://socialwatersmart.com)

## Pets

- ★ Protect yourself and your family by picking up pet waste at home and in public.
- ★ Take a bag when you walk your pets. Dispose of the bag in a trash can.

## In the Kitchen

- ★ Do not pour cooking grease down the drain.
- ★ Grease that is poured down the drain eventually hardens and causes sewer back ups, and spills which can contaminate our creeks, lakes, river, and ocean.
- ★ Collect grease in a disposable container. Wait for the grease to cool, then dispose of it in a trash can.

## Automotive Care

- ★ Wash your car at a commercial car wash where they recycle the wash water or on a pervious area to avoid runoff into storm drains.
- ★ If washing your car in Escondido, you must use a hose with a shut-off nozzle.
- ★ Fix fluid leaks immediately. Collect used oil in sealed containers and take it to a certified center. For the certified center nearest you, call 1-800 CLEANUP.

## Litter

- ★ Make sure to always put trash in its place.
- ★ Secure lids on trash containers.  
Keep a litter bag in your car.

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For more information visit: [escondido.org/storm-water-program.aspx](http://escondido.org/storm-water-program.aspx)

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[pubworks@escondido.org](mailto:pubworks@escondido.org)



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