



Escondido Creek

A **watershed** is an area of land that drains to a common point. For example, in the Escondido Creek Watershed a water drop 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.



*Remember, Only Rain
in the Storm Drain.*



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Environmental Programs**

201 North Broadway
Escondido, CA 92025

To report illegal an illegal discharge:

760.839.4668

or

pubworks@escondido.org

For more information visit

escondido.org/storm-water-program.aspx

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POWER WASHING



**Protecting
Water Quality**

**Working with the Community
to Improve the Quality of our
Local Water Ways**

Protecting Water Quality

What to do when power washing?

Prior to Activity

- * First use dry cleaning methods (sweeping, vacuuming, mop and bucket) whenever possible. Washing driveways, sidewalks, parking areas, patios, or other hardscape areas with water from a pressurized source, except when necessary to alleviate safety or sanitation hazards, is prohibited.
- * Sweep and pick up trash, debris, and sediment in and downstream of the wash area.
- * Temporarily cover storm drain inlets that are located within and/or down gradient of your work area prior to performing any activity that involves fluids or could potentially result in spills, leaks, or runoff.
- * Place berms to capture wash water.

During Activity

- * Collect all wash water runoff for proper disposal to sewer or licensed facility.
- * Use non-toxic or less hazardous products. Reduce or eliminate the use of soaps, degreasers, or other cleaning agents whenever possible.
- * Promptly clean up spills and leaks as they occur. Report any spills or leaks to the Public Works yard at 760.839.4668. Call 911 for chemical spills.

Waste Disposal

- * Properly dispose of hazardous waste by contacting a certified hazardous waste hauler. For a listing: dtsc.ca.go/database.
- * Check with the City's sewer department before discharging large volumes of water in to the sewer 760.839.4668.

Vehicle & Equipment Maintenance

- * Regularly maintain all vehicles and repair leaks immediately.
- * Keep a spill response kit in every vehicle.
- * A spill kit should contain personal protective equipment (PPE), spill handling equipment, containment equipment, absorbent materials and a disposal container. It should also contain information on what to do when a spill occurs.
- * Vehicles may be washed over a pervious surface. Non-hazardous wash water may be drained to a pervious or landscaped area.
- * Maintain cleaning equipment to prevent waste water leakage.
- * Secure all material and equipment in the vehicle during transport.

Training

- * Communicate to all employees the importance of eliminating pollutant discharges to the storm drain system. Employees should be trained to correctly respond to any spills.

Business Licensing

Every company or person doing business in or based in Escondido is required to have a business license. This includes mobile services that may be based in another city but work in the City of Escondido. As part of the business licensing procedure, all new businesses applying for a City license must call 760.839.4668 to make an appointment with a field inspector to verify proper containment and recovery practices. For more information or to obtain a business license call 760.839.4659.

Important

Discharging pollutants directly or indirectly to a storm drain is a violation of the City's Storm Water ordinance. Your business is required to comply with the ordinance and implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) to prevent pollutants from entering the storm drain.

