State and Local Requirements

Did you know it's illegal to let anything other than rainwater enter a storm drain? Unlike indoor plumbing systems, outdoor storm drains carry water directly to local creeks, the Delta, and the Bay - without treatment! That means pollutants like soaps, oils, paint, or trash can harm wildlife and degrade local water quality.

Best Management Practices (BMPs):

Improper property management and waste disposal can lead to citations or fines. By using BMPs, you not only stay in compliance but also help prevent contaminated runoff and waste from entering storm drains. Business and property owners must train staff on stormwater BMPs, including proper spill response and waste disposal. Homeowners should also ensure contractors working on their property prevent pollution.

Help protect the environment and keep our community safe by following these best practices and remember: Only Rain Down the Drain!

Learn more and find safe disposal options at cccleanwater.org.

Helpful Resources for Proper Disposal

Waste Disposal Options: Discover local resources for reusing, repairing, recycling, or safely disposing of items like batteries, electronics, paint, pesticides, concrete (wet and dry), furniture, and green waste.

- **resource.stopwaste.org**
- **cccrecycle.org**

Hazardous Waste Information:

- Central County: Central Contra Costa Sanitary District HHW (**centralsan.org**)
- East County: Delta Diablo Sanitation District HHW (**deltadiablo.org**)
- West County: West Contra Costa Integrated Waste Management Authority HHW (**recyclemore.com**)

Small Business Hazardous Waste:

- CCCWP: **cccleanwater.org** or (925) 313-2360
- Contra Costa Public Works: **contracosta.ca.gov/7963/Hazardous-Wastes**

Become a Certified Green Business

Visit **greenbusinessca.org/contracostacounty**

Oil + Oil Filter Disposal:

www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/UsedOil/CertifiedCenters/

REPORT ILLEGAL DUMPING OR A SPILL:

- **Call 1-800-NO DUMPING (1-800-663-8674)**
- or Report Online at **cccleanwater.org/report**

Thank you for reporting illegal dumping and discharges to help keep our local waterways pristine for all to enjoy.

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BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR PROTECTING OUR WATERWAYS

ONLY RAIN DOWN THE DRAIN

Keep our waterways and wildlife safe from trash, pesticides, chemicals, oils, detergents and other pollutants.

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Key BMPs for Both Homes and Businesses

- [ ] 1. **Never hose anything into the street or storm drain.** Use dry methods, like sweeping, and dispose of debris properly.
- [ ] 2. **Wash your car at a commercial car wash or on grass.** Soapy water from at-home washing pollutes waterways. If washing at home, only do it on grass or gravel.
- [ ] 3. **Pick up pet waste and place it in the trash.** Pet waste carries harmful bacteria, and improperly discarded pet waste bags pollute landscapes and waterways.
- [ ] 4. **Use fewer chemicals in your landscaped areas.** Learn how to minimize pesticide and fertilizer impacts at **OurWaterOurWorld.com.**
- [ ] 5. **Keep trash, leaves, and debris out of the gutter.** Sweep debris and dispose of it properly—don't blow or sweep it into the street.
- [ ] 6. **Maintain trash enclosures and keep lids closed** to prevent litter.
- [ ] 7. **Hire a licensed mobile washer** for cleaning dumpsters or pressure washing. Visit **ccleanwater.org** for more info.
- [ ] 8. **Contain construction materials and prevent runoff.** Never hose concrete, paint, or debris into streets and gutters.
- [ ] 9. **Clean up vehicle leaks in parking areas.** Use absorbents and dispose of them properly.
- [ ] 10. **Store and dispose of hazardous waste properly.** Never pour items like paints, oils, or chemicals down sinks or storm drains. Always dispose of them through designated collection programs.

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