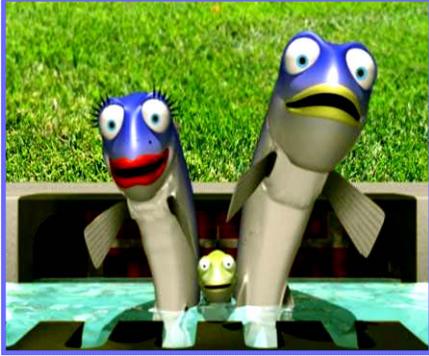


DID YOU KNOW that:

- ◆ *Everything that enters a storm drain ends up in our creeks, channels, and river which flows untreated into the ocean!*



- ◆ *The City operates separate storm drain and sewer systems. Only wastewater that is discharged to the sewer receives treatment before being discharged to the environment. Anything that reaches the gutter is not treated before flowing into our waterways and eventually to the ocean.*
- ◆ *Even if you don't live near a waterway, rainfall can wash pollutants such as fertilizers, sediment, yard and pet waste into our storm drains and waterways.*

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For more information about the
City's Municipal Storm Water
Program, please call (805) 227-7240
or go to www.prcity.com

Help Stop Storm Water Pollution!



The City of Paso Robles is required to implement a Phase II Municipal Storm Water Program in order to reduce or eliminate the pollutants that enter our waterways from both storm water and non-storm water flows.

This brochure contains hints that you can use to reduce the pollutants in storm water runoff and eliminate non-storm water discharges.

Even potable water is considered unsafe for our creeks due to the chlorine.

- ◆ Adjust sprinklers so that there is no runoff or overspray.
- ◆ Drain your chlorinated swimming pool and spa water to the sewer.
- ◆ Sweep your driveway and sidewalk instead of washing them off.



Vehicles

- ◆ Fix all leaks on your car.
- ◆ Keep a container in the car to collect trash. Please don't throw trash or empty the ash tray out the window.
- ◆ Use a nozzle with an automatic shut off to prevent runoff when washing your car.



Around the House:

- ◆ Pick up yard debris, please don't sweep or blow it into the street. 
- ◆ Mulch bare slopes to reduce sediment runoff.
- ◆ Use pesticides and herbicides sparingly.
- ◆ Pick up after your pets. Place all pet waste into a container and place it into the trash. 
- ◆ Help prevent sewage overflows caused by grease blockages by wiping all grease off of dishes prior to rinsing or washing them.
- ◆ Be sure your private sewer laterals are kept clear of grease and roots to prevent overflows.
- ◆ Keep trash containers covered and in good condition to prevent light items from blowing out and liquid from leaking out. 

Hiring A Contractor?

If you hire a contractor to do any work around your property, both the contractor and you can be held liable if any construction waste is discharged to the storm drains and waterways!

For More Information:

- ◆ Properly dispose of old chemicals, paints, car fluids, and fertilizers at a Household Hazardous Waste Facility. Call 782-8530 or visit www.iwma.com for facility hours and location. 
- ◆ If you witness somebody discharging anything to a storm drain or waterway, please call the City of Paso Robles at 227-7240 (or 788-Fish for reporting discharges outside of the City of Paso Robles).
- ◆ Learn about less toxic pesticides for you home and garden through the [Our Water Our World Program](http://www.ourwaterourworld.org) at: www.ourwaterourworld.org
- ◆ See the Recycling Guide of the AT&T Yellow pages. This guide has information on what products can be recycled and where. 
Recycling keeps trash such as plastic water bottles and shopping bags out of our waterways!
- ◆ For tips on how to conserve water around the house, visit the California Urban Water Conservation Council at www.cuwcc.org