



The City of San Gabriel's Stormwater Do's and Don'ts

The City of San Gabriel has some helpful tips on how we can minimize trash and other waste from polluting our rivers and the ocean.



1 DON'T wash your car on the driveway or street. Harmful chemicals and/or contaminants may flow directly into the storm drain. **DO** wash your car on the lawn or take it to a car wash. The lawn is able to soak in the water and prevent any runoff from entering the storm drain.



2 DON'T throw trash onto the streets or sidewalk. Trash will eventually wash into the storm drains and end up in our rivers or streams. **DO** throw your trash in a trash bin or better yet, recycle.

3 DON'T leave your dog's waste sitting on the streets or sidewalk. The waste will be washed down the drain and into our drinking water. Dog waste contains dangerous pathogens that can lead to serious illnesses. **DO** pick up your dog's waste and throw it in a nearby trash bin.



4 DON'T water the sidewalks, driveway or gutter. Any yard debris or leaves will be washed off into the storm drain. **DO** use a broom instead to clean the sidewalks, driveway and/or gutter. Not only are you preventing debris from entering the storm drain but it saves up to 150 gallons of water each time.



5 DON'T use more fertilizer than your lawn can handle. People tend to use more fertilizer than their lawn really needs; this causes excess fertilizer to flow straight into the storm drain and into the river. When fertilizer enters the storm drain, algae will begin to grow, contaminating the water even more. **DO** use as much fertilizer as your lawn needs and not overdo it.

6 DON'T let harmful automobile fluids (motor oil, antifreeze, transmission fluid, etc) leak from underneath your car. These chemicals will run down into the storm drain and into our drinking water. **DO** maintain your vehicle and take necessary steps to prevent automobile fluids from entering the storm drain.

Please call (626)308-2806, ext 4631/4632 for more information.