



Spill Response Agencies

City of Garden Grove Fire Department
(714) 741-5600
or if there is an emergency dial 911

City of Garden Grove Environmental Compliance
Division (714) 741-5375

Orange County Resources and Development
Management Department (877) 89 SPILL

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

City of Garden Grove Department of Public Works
(714) 741-5375

Report Illegal Dumping

City of Garden Grove Environmental Compliance
Division (714) 741-5375

To Report a Clogged Catch Basin

City of Garden Grove Department of
Public Works (714) 711-5375 or visit
www.garden-grove.org/storm

For more information about storm drain protection
or additional brochures, please call the City of
Garden Grove Public Works Department at
(714) 741-5375.

This brochure is one of a series of
pamphlets describing storm drain
protection measures.

Pamphlets include:

- Painting
- Food Service Industry
- Fresh Concrete and Mortar Application
- General Construction and Site Supervision
- Heavy Equipment and Earth Moving Activities
- Landscaping, Gardening and Pest Control
- Home Repair and Remodeling
- Automotive Maintenance and Car Care
- Roadwork and Paving
- Proper Maintenance Practices for Your Business
- Pool Maintenance
- Food Service Industry

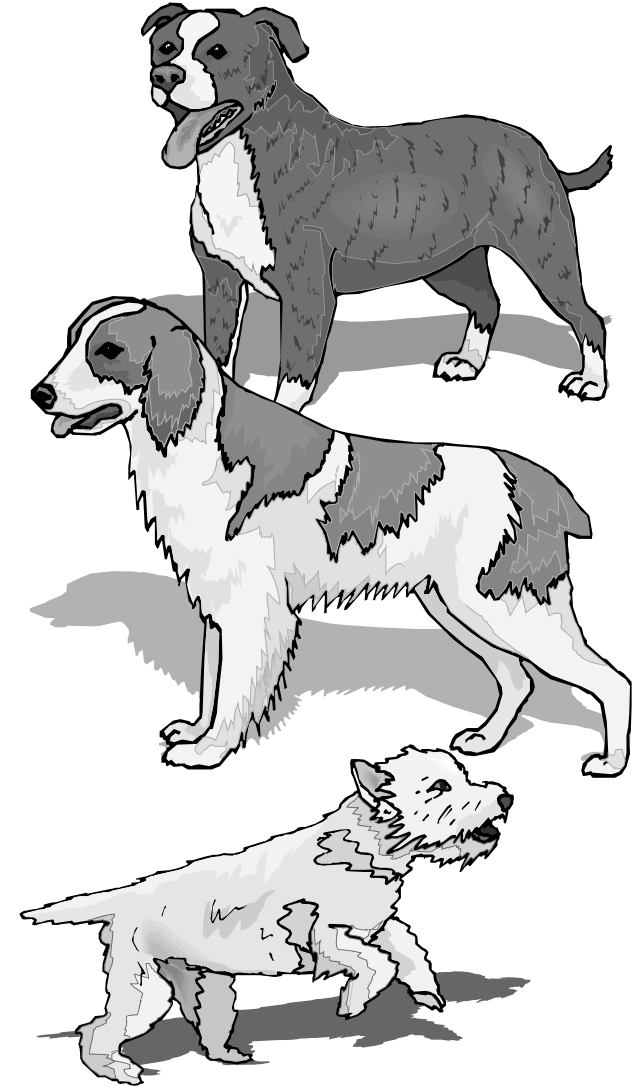


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Preventing Storm Water Pollution With

Pet Care



Ocean Pollution Prevention: It's Up To Us

Garden Grove has two drainage systems; sewers and storm drains. The storm drain system was designed to prevent flooding by carrying excess rainwater away from city streets out to the ocean. Because the system contains no filters, it now serves the unintended function of carrying urban pollution straight to the ocean.

Rain, along with industrial and household water mixed with pollutants, creates stormwater pollution. The pollutants include: oil and other automotive fluids, paint and construction debris, yard and pet wastes, pesticides, and litter.

Urban runoff pollution flows to the ocean through the storm drain system. Each day, 100 million gallons of polluted urban runoff enter the ocean untreated, leaving toxic chemicals in our surf and tons of trash on our beaches.

Urban runoff pollution contaminates the ocean, closes beaches, harms aquatic life, and increases the risk of inland flooding by clogging gutters and catch basins.

Keeping stormwater or urban runoff from polluting the ocean is a responsibility shared by everyone. Following these Best Management Practices (BMPs) will ensure a cleaner city and ocean.



Pet Care Problems:

Common pet care practices include outdoor pet washing, flea control, and cleaning up pet waste. All of these activities can contribute to urban runoff and ocean pollution if not conducted or managed properly.

Materials and wastes blown or washed into a street, gutter, or storm drain have direct impacts on the ocean.

Solutions:

Washing Your Pets

- If possible, bathe your pets indoors using shampoo that is less-toxic or have your pet professionally groomed. If you spill shampoo outside, wipe up the excess instead of hosing it down to the street and storm drain.
- If you must bathe your pet outside, use your lawn or another permeable surface to prevent wash water from flowing into the street or storm drain.
- Even biodegradable soaps and shampoos can be harmful to marine life and the environment.

Flea Control

- Consider using an oral or topical flea control product.
- All unused flea control products should be disposed of at a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center. To find a center near you, call (714) 834-4000, or visit: www.oilandfills.com/hhwcc.asp

Picking Up After Your Pet

- The City of Garden Grove has an ordinance that requires you to pick up after your pet. Besides being a nuisance, pet waste can lead to water pollution, even if you live inland. Pet waste, if not picked up, can be washed into the storm drain and ocean by rain, irrigation, or deliberate washing. This water containing waste flows into the street, storm drain, and eventually to the ocean where it can harm human health, marine life, and the environment.
- As it decomposes, pet waste demands a high level of oxygen from water. This decomposition can contribute to killing marine life by reducing the amount of dissolved oxygen available.
- Take a bag with you on walks to pick up after pets.
- Dispose of waste in the trash or the toilet.

You would never put pet waste or pet care products into the ocean, so don't let them enter the storm drains. By following these easy tips you are protecting water quality and preventing ocean pollution.

