

Environmentally-Friendly
**Yard & Garden
Maintenance**



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Help keep Chula Vista clean.



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Yard & garden maintenance may be harmful to our environment!

- FACT:** Household chemicals, paint, pesticides, fertilizers, and trash are just a few of the pollutants that home and garden maintenance contribute to storm water pollution.
- FACT:** When it rains, or when over-watering occurs, excess pesticides and fertilizers from your lawn and garden are washed into storm drains and into local waterways. These waterways may flow through your neighborhood park, canyon, or walking trails, and ultimately into San Diego Bay.
- FACT:** Home improvement and maintenance projects often require significant cleanup of waste and chemicals. Washing waste or chemicals such as paint or solvent into the street, alley, or sidewalk will send these pollutants into the storm drain system.
- FACT:** When trash or debris is not stored in covered trash cans, it can easily end up littering our waterways.
- FACT:** Storm water pollution from yards, garden and litter sources can harm aquatic life and have an impact on us all.
- FACT:** You can prevent harmful chemicals, pesticides, fertilizers, and trash from entering the storm drain system by making better choices in your day-to-day activities.

Make better choices... *with the environment in mind.*

- 🌀 When applying pesticides and fertilizers, use only the recommended amounts provided on the package and be careful not to over-apply.
- 🌀 Pesticides and fertilizers should not be applied if rain is in the forecast. These products will simply wash away and pollute our waterways.
- 🌀 If you use a water-based paint, remove excess paint from paintbrushes, pans, sprayers and other equipment with a rag before washing in a sink connected to the sewer. Recycle used paint when possible. Empty, dried paint cans should be placed in the recycle bin. Dried paint can be removed from the can and disposed of into the trash bin. For any questions regarding liquid waste paint disposal, please call the City's Environmental Services Section at (619)691-5122.
- 🌀 Check your irrigation system regularly to prevent and eliminate irrigation runoff. Irrigation runoff should not enter the storm drain system.
- 🌀 Use effective natural alternatives to pesticides. Find more information at www.projectcleanwater.org.
- 🌀 To prevent leaves and garden clippings from entering the storm drain system, sweep them into a pile and put them into your Green Waste bin.
- 🌀 Clean your sidewalks and driveways using dry cleaning methods such as sweeping with a broom or using a shop vacuum instead of using a hose.
- 🌀 Prevent sediment or loose dirt from entering the storm drain system by planting vegetation on slopes that are exposed, and by maintaining your landscaped areas.