

STORMWATER POLLUTION — WHAT IS IT?

Runoff from rainstorms is called stormwater. Stormwater becomes polluted when it flows over polluted surfaces like parking lots or when people dump pollutants like oil or paint directly into the storm drain. Polluted stormwater flows without treatment directly to creeks and rivers, where it can harm aquatic life.

It is illegal to discharge anything but clean, unpolluted water into the storm drain system. Discharging pollutants, intentionally or unintentionally, into the storm drain system can result in corrective penalties. For example, it is illegal to dump the following materials into the storm drain system:

- *Paint*
- *Motor oil*
- *Yard waste*
- *Pesticides*
- *Fertilizers*
- *Concrete mix*
- *Antifreeze*
- *Chlorinated pool water*
- *Grease*
- *Pet waste*



ONLY RAIN DOWN
THE STORM DRAIN

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about controlling stormwater pollution, contact your local stormwater agency:

County of Sacramento	(916) 874-6851
City of Sacramento	(916) 808-1400
City of Citrus Heights	(916) 727-4770
City of Elk Grove	(916) 687-3005
City of Folsom	(916) 355-7272
City of Galt	(209) 366-7260
City of Rancho Cordova	(916) 851-8712

Hazardous Waste Disposal

Sacramento County and the Cities of Citrus Heights and Rancho Cordova	(916) 875-5555
City of Sacramento	(916) 808-5454
City of Elk Grove	(916) 478-2289
City of Galt	(209) 366-7260
City of Folsom	(916) 355-8397

To report illegal discharge to storm drain or creeks, call (916) 875-RAIN (7246)

For more information, log onto our website at

www.saccounty.net
(search: stormwater)

or call (916) 874-6851



DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
STORMWATER UTILITY
Stormwater Quality Program

PAINT-A-DRAIN

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*Storm drain stenciling
sends a clear
"No Dumping"
message*



SACRAMENTO STORMWATER
QUALITY PROGRAM

BORROW STENCILING KITS FOR FREE



WHAT IS STORM DRAIN STENCILING?

Storm drain stenciling is an opportunity for you to paint a message next to storm drain inlets to remind people not to dump anything down the drain. Usually the message says something like:

NO DUMPING! FLOWS TO CREEK

YOU CAN HELP REDUCE POLLUTION

Stenciling storm drains is a great way for concerned residents to help reduce stormwater pollution. By stenciling a “No Dumping” message on neighborhood storm drain inlets, you will help educate others that only rain should go down the storm drain.

IT'S EASY TO STENCIL

Through the Sacramento Stormwater Quality Partnership, the County of Sacramento and the Cities of Citrus Heights and Sacramento loan kits to individuals and groups who want to participate. These kits include all supplies necessary to stencil storm drain inlets, including stencils, spray paint, maps, directions, and safety equipment.

STENCILING IS A GREAT GROUP ACTIVITY

Any community group or individual can stencil storm drains. For example:

- *Schools*
- *Service clubs*
- *Families*
- *Ecology clubs*
- *Youth groups*
- *Neighborhood associations*

You can help protect our creeks by stenciling storm drains. Your group can even give out awards and badges to members for stenciling!

BUSINESSES CAN BENEFIT TOO

If you are a business or commercial property owner, you also can benefit from stenciling the storm drains on your property. Stencils inform employees, tenants, and the public that the storm drains on your property are not to be used for waste disposal. Reducing illegal discharges on your property will help you reduce maintenance costs.

To obtain a stenciling kit, or for more information about controlling stormwater pollution, call (916) 874-6851 or check out www.saccounty.net (search: stormwater).

In addition, stenciling storm drains at your business or property shows the public, including your customers, that you care about preserving our local creeks and rivers.

STENCIL IT AGAIN

You may have noticed that some of the stenciled messages in your area are fading. Some of these messages are several years old and it may be time to do them again.

SO MANY STORM DRAINS, SO LITTLE TIME

There are more than 150,000 storm drains in the County of Sacramento and in the Cities of Citrus Heights, Elk Grove, Folsom, Galt, Rancho Cordova, and Sacramento.

Volunteer help is vital for the Stormwater Quality Program to meet its goals of stenciling all storm drains in the County.

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