

SPILL RESPONSE / HAZARDOUS DISCHARGES

City of Torrance Fire Department
Hazardous Materials Division
Dispatch (310) 781-7042

TO CONNECT TO THE STORM DRAIN

It is illegal to connect to the storm drain without a permit. To obtain a storm drain connection permit, contact the City of Torrance Community Development Department at (310) 618-5898
Mon-Thurs 8am-5pm

TO CONNECT TO THE COUNTY SEWER

Los Angeles County Sanitation District
(562) 699-7411 Ext. 2727

RECYCLING AND HAZARDOUS WASTE INFORMATION

Los Angeles County Dept. of Public Works,
Recycling & Household Hazardous Waste Disposal
1-888-CleanLA (1-888-253-2652) or log onto
www.888CleanLA.com

For more information on recycling and waste management, visit: www.RecycleTorrance.org

TO REPORT ILLEGAL DUMPING

Illegal dumping of trash, paint products, motor oil and other chemicals into storm drains is against the law!

To report illegal discharges or dumping to the storm drain system anywhere in Los Angeles County at any time, call:
1-888-CleanLA (1-888-253-2652)

TO REPORT A CLOGGED STORM DRAIN OR INLET

City of Torrance
Public Works Department
Mon-Thurs 7am-5pm
(310) 781-6900

To report a clogged storm drain inlet or catch basin anywhere in Los Angeles County at anytime, call:
Los Angeles County Dept. of Public Works
1-800-675-HELP or (626) 458-4357

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

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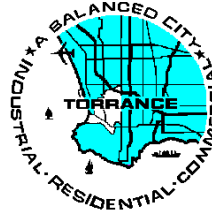
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CONTROL

ROADWORK & PAVING

SPA & SWIMMING POOL OWNERS

For more information about storm drain protection or additional brochures, call the



CITY OF TORRANCE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT
(310) 618-5990

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Stormwater Pollution Prevention

Painting



Best Management Practices (BMPs)

Safe Environment Practices and
Procedures for:

Professional Painters
Dry Wall Crews
General Contractors
Plasterers
Paper Hangers
Floor Covering Installers
Home Builders
Developers
Do-It-Yourselfers
Homeowners

Stormwater Pollution – It's Up to Us

The City of Torrance has two drainage systems - the sewers and the storm drains. The storm drain system was designed to prevent flooding by carrying excess rainwater away from city streets out to the ocean.

During storms in urban areas, rainwater may mix with pollutants in industrial and household runoff, creating storm water pollution.

Most runoff from the streets of Torrance discharges directly to the Pacific Ocean via the storm drain system. The pollutants include: oil and other automotive fluids, paint and construction debris, yard and pet wastes, pesticides and litter.



Look for curbside catch basins and other storm drain inlets in and near the workplace. These should be labeled with stencils that say "NO DUMPING: DRAINS TO OCEAN". All of us need to make sure that only clean storm drain water runoff is allowed to enter these inlets.

PROBLEMS

All paints, solvents, and adhesives contain chemicals that are harmful to wildlife and humans. That is why proper handling and disposal of these products is so important.

Toxic chemicals from liquid or solid products, cleaning residues or rags may enter the ocean via storm drains.

It is especially important not to clean brushes in an area where paint residue can flow to a street, gutter, or storm drain. Once paint residue enters the storm drain system, it flows directly to the ocean.



SOLUTIONS

Keep Work Sites Clean



Best Management Practices that include the proper handling, storage and disposal of materials can prevent pollutants from entering the ocean through the storm drain system.

1 • General Business Practices

- Keep all liquids, paint products and wastes away from the street, gutter and storm drains. Liquid residues from paints, thinners, solvents, glues and cleaning fluids are hazardous wastes and must be disposed of properly. Thoroughly dry used brushes, rags, drop cloths and empty paint cans (lids off), may be disposed of as trash.



- Use water-based paints instead of oil-bases paints. Look for the words "Clean up with water" or "Latex" on the label.



- Don't use paints over 15 years old. They may contain toxic levels of lead. Dispose of this paint properly.
- Reuse paint thinner. Set used thinner aside in a closed jar to settle out paint particles. Then pour off clear liquid for future use. Wrap the residue in newspaper and dispose of it in the trash.

2 • Paint Removal

- Chemical paint stripping residue, including saturate d rags, is a hazardous waste and should be taken to a household hazardous waste collection event. For disposal information; call 1-888-CleanLA (1-888-253-2652) or log on to www.LACSD.org for Hazardous Waste Round-up Events.
- Chips and dust from marine paints or paints containing lead or tributyl tin are also hazardous wastes. Dry sweep them and save them for a hazardous waste collection event. Call 1-888-CleanLA (1-888-253-2652).
- Paint chips and dust from non-hazardous dry stripping and sand blasting may be swept up and disposed of as trash.
- When stripping or cleaning building exteriors with high-pressure water, block storm drains. Wash water onto a dirt area. Check with the local wastewater treatment authority to find out if you can collect (mop or vacuum) building cleaning water and drain it to the sewer.



3 • Paint Cleanup

- Never clean brushes or rinse paint containers into a street, gutter, or storm drain.

- For water-based paints, paint out brushes as much as possible and rinse in the sink.



- For oil-based paints, paint out brushes as much as possible. Clean with thinner and then, filter and reuse thinner or solvent.

4 • Recycle or Reuse Leftover Paints

- Reuse leftover paint for touch-ups or recycle it at a local household hazardous waste collection event, where it will be recycled or donated to a local graffiti paint-out program.
- Recycle or use up excess paint. Call 1-888-CleanLA (1-888-253-2652) for information.



Dumping toxics into the street, gutter or storm drain is illegal!

