

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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FOOD SERVICE INDUSTRY

FRESH CONCRETE & MORTAR APPLICATION

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HOME REPAIR & REMODELING

LANDSCAPING GARDENING & PEST
CONTROL

ROADWORK & PAVING

SPA & SWIMMING POOL OWNERS

For more information about storm drain protection or additional brochures, contact:



CITY OF TORRANCE
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DEPARTMENT
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Stormwater Pollution Prevention

Pet Waste Pollution Prevention

Scoop the Poop



City of Torrance

Best Management Practices (BMPs) Safe Environment Practices and Procedures for:

Pet Owners
Homeowners
Property Managers
Veterinary Offices
Animal Shelters
Parks & Recreational Facilities

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 waste, 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

The average dog produces approximately 3/4 pounds of poop every day. 1,000 dogs will produce 750 pounds of excrement a week.

L.A. County Residents walk a dog without picking up the droppings more than 730,000 times per month.

Disease-causing dog waste washes from the ground and streets into storm drains and flows straight to the ocean— **untreated**.

Dog waste is cited as one of the largest contributors of bacterial pollution in the oceans and urban watersheds.



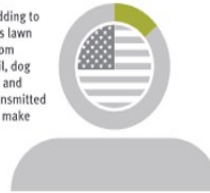
Environmental Hazards

Two or three days worth of droppings from a population of about 100 dogs can contribute enough bacteria to temporarily close a bay and all watershed areas within 20 miles to swimming and shell fishing.



DOG WASTE CAN HARM YOUR HEALTH

Unlike other sources adding to water pollution, such as lawn fertilizer, rinse water from driveways and motor oil, dog waste carries parasites and bacteria that can be transmitted directly to humans and make them sick.



The longer dog waste stays on the ground, the greater a contamination becomes.



Roundworm is one of the most common parasites found in dog waste. It can remain infectious in contaminated soil and water for years. A recent CDC study found 14 percent of Americans tested positive for roundworms.

Dog feces are common carriers of:
Heartworms
Whipworms
Hookworms
Roundworms
Tapeworms
Parvovirus
Giardia
Salmonella
E. coli

SOLUTIONS

Dog owners can help solve the Stormwater pollution problem by taking these easy steps:

- Clean up after your dog every single time.
- Take advantage of the complimentary waste bags offered at your local agencies and parks.
- Carry extra bags when walking your dog and make them available to other pet owners who are without.
- Teach children how to properly clean up after a pet. Encourage them to throw the used bags in the nearest trash receptacle if they are away from home.
- Put a friendly message on the bulletin boards at apartment buildings, condo and townhome associations, parks, and other facilities to remind pet owners to clean up after their dogs.
- Tell friends and neighbors about the ill effects of animal waste on the environment. Encourage them to clean up after their pets as well.



BE RESPONSIBLE



It's the law! Many urban and suburban areas require you to pick up after your pet. Even if there is no restriction, cleaning up after your pet is always the right thing to do.

Joining the growing number of responsible pet owners may encourage hotel managers to accept pets when you are traveling and help keep fees to a minimum. No one likes to step in pet waste and spread it into homes, cars and businesses.

It's easy to clean up by carrying plastic baggies and paper towels in your pocket. The baggies can be secured and thrown away in the garbage.

When used properly, poop bags made of biodegradable ingredients can help take a load off Mother Earth. Bio-degradable bags are designed to be composted in a safe backyard composter or industrial facility.



**The City of Torrance offers free pet waste dispensers to Torrance pet owners (one dispenser per person) while quantities last. The dispenser features a refillable pocket with 20 biodegradable bags. You may pick up a dispenser at the Torrance One-Stop Center located at:
3031 Torrance Blvd. Torrance, CA 90503**



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