



Loading Areas And Dumpsters

The *County of San Diego Watershed Protection Program* supports businesses in their efforts to prevent pollution by offering these important Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs).

- ! Water that is released into the streets, gutters, and storm drains in San Diego County is not treated before it reaches our local creeks, rivers, and the ocean. *These tips for maintaining dumpster and loading areas will help keep our waterways clean.*

Loading Areas

- ▣ Load and unload materials in designated areas.
- ▣ Maintain loading equipment and repair any leaks.

Dumpsters

- ▣ Locate all waste handling, storage, and disposal areas away from storm drains or water bodies.
- ▣ Properly label all containers for recyclable and reusable materials.
- ▣ Keep recyclable and reusable materials containers (trash cans, dumpster, bins, etc.) covered when not in use to prevent spills and illegal dumping.
- ▣ Have containers for recyclable and reusable materials emptied or picked up regularly to prevent overflowing.
- ▣ Inspect all trash storage and disposal areas weekly and sweep up any accumulated litter and debris.
- ▣ Keep dumpsters and other waste containers in good condition.
- ▣ Use dry cleaning methods such as sweeping, wiping, vacuuming or raking to clean out waste containers.
- ▣ For more information on the County of San Diego Recycling Ordinance Requirements, please call 877-R1Earth (877-713-2784).

- ! Releasing pollutants directly or indirectly into the storm drain system or waterways is a violation of the County's Watershed Protection Ordinance (WPO). *Your business is required to comply with the WPO and the following minimum BMPs.*

we can
**protect our
waterways**

with just
a few steps.

thank you
for doing your part
to protect our
waterways.



For more information, call the Stormwater Hotline at (888) 846-0800 or visit www.sandiegocounty.gov/dpw/watersheds.html for the WPO.