



# County of San Diego

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## PREPARING FOR THE 2016-17 RAINY SEASON

The County of San Diego Department of Public Works (DPW), Watershed Protection Program reminds all facilities to review Best Management Practices (BMPs) in preparation for the rainy season (October 1 through April 30). BMPs are techniques or controls used to prevent or reduce the discharge of pollutants into the storm drain system or waterways. Common rainy season BMPs include, but are not limited to, cleaning out storm drains and ditches, maintaining equipment and vehicles to prevent leaks, sweeping parking lots and outdoor work areas, covering and berming equipment and materials stored outdoors, and updating your facility's Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). While implementation and maintenance of appropriate BMPs is important year-round, it becomes especially critical during the rainy season when storm activity increases the potential for polluted runoff to enter our storm drains and waterways.

DPW representatives may be visiting your facility to review BMPs and ensure compliance with applicable County ordinances and State stormwater regulations. Instances of non-compliance could result in the need to take stronger action, including administrative warnings and/or citations; however, our goal is to work with you to ensure that your facility is in compliance with County ordinances and State water quality regulations without the need for any stronger actions. We will gladly meet with you at your facility if you have any questions about any of these stormwater requirements.

Please visit our website at [www.sandiegocounty.gov/dpw/watersheds.html](http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/dpw/watersheds.html) for stormwater pollution prevention information and resources that can help keep your facility in compliance.

If you have any questions or would like to schedule an on-site meeting, please feel free to contact us at (888) 846-0800 or [watersheds@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:watersheds@sdcounty.ca.gov). By working together we can help make our waters cleaner.

Sincerely,

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