



# 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. All sources of pollution are prohibited from leaving your property and entering streets or storm drains. Only rainwater is allowed in the streets and storm drains. *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 above 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/stormwater](http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/stormwater)** for the WPO.