COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

WATERSHED PROTECTION PROGRAM

# Special Events

The *County of San Diego Watershed Protection Program* supports businesses and Event Organizers 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.

*Event Organizers and Permit Applicants can help keep our waterways clean by implementing the following stormwater BMPs to prevent pollution.* As an Event Organizer or Permit Applicant, the first step is to identify potential sources of pollutant discharges to implement BMPs.

we can **protect our waterways** with just a few steps.

## Before The Event

- Protect and cover all storm drain inlets in the event area.
- Locate Portable Sanitary Toilet areas away from storm drains or water bodies.
- Place trash cans and recycle bins in convenient locations and keep lids closed to reduce "fly away" litter.
- Maintain spill response materials and equipment (e.g., spill pads, rags) and keep them readily accessible.
- Train event staff to properly use spill cleanup supplies and procedures.

*more tips > > >*

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

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*Portable toilets located away from storm drains*

*Sweep, rake, and collect litter/trash*

## During The Event

- Use dry cleanup methods such as sweeping, wiping, vacuuming, or raking.
- Sweep up and remove dirt, leaves, litter, and debris from paved areas.
- Remove litter, debris, and organic waste from landscaped areas.
- Empty trash and recycling containers regularly to prevent overflowing.
- Promptly clean up spills as they occur.
- Post signs to encourage reporting when cleaning or repair of portable sanitary toilets is needed.
- Contain all spills on-site. Immediately report any spills or leaks that reach the storm drain system by calling the Stormwater Hotline at (888) 846-0800.

## After The Event

- Uncover any storm drain inlets covered during the event.
- Conduct a final facility walk-through.

*Covered storm drain*

**The County of San Diego Watershed Protection Program will conduct random stormwater inspections to evaluate if the site was properly maintained.** ***Failure to contain and dispose of the trash and materials generated from the event, could subject the Event Coordinator to corrective actions, fines, and denial of future event permits.***

**thank you** for doing your part to protect our waterways.

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