



county of san diego

# automotive fluids



## *Let's All Do Our Part!*

Most residents are concerned about keeping our waterways clean. In fact, surveys conducted across San Diego County show that **more than 50% of residents** believe that pollution of our beaches, lakes, and creeks directly affects them and their families.

### *We're Here To Help.*

Oil and other toxic automotive fluids that get into the street and gutters can enter the storm drain system and go directly into waterways without treatment. The **County of San Diego Watershed Protection Program** supports residents in their efforts to prevent pollution by offering these important **tips for preventing automotive fluids from entering the storm drain**, where they are a major source of pollution and a public health concern.



**Water that is released to 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, including automotive fluids, are prohibited from leaving your property and entering streets or storm drains. Only rainwater is allowed in the streets and storm drains.**

### *What Can You Do To Keep Our Waterways Clean?*

- **Check vehicles** for fluid leaks and make repairs as soon as possible.
- **Place drip pans** underneath vehicles to capture fluids.
- **Sweep or use absorbent materials** (such as kitty litter) instead of water to clean up work areas and spills.
- **Take used oil, antifreeze**, and other household hazardous waste to a collection facility. For more information, call 1-877-R-1-EARTH (1-877-713-2784).

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

### *Call Us For More Information.*

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