



county of san diego

# trash & green waste



## *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.*

The **County of San Diego Watershed Protection Program** supports residents in their efforts to prevent pollution by offering these important **tips for preventing trash and green waste from entering the storm drain system**, where it causes public health concerns and hazards to aquatic life.



**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 trash and green waste, 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?*

- **Place trash containers** out only on collection day.
- **Keep trash bins covered** at all times.
- **Replace any trash cans** that are leaking or deteriorating.
- **Sweep or rake up** litter, leaves, and grass and put it in the appropriate bin.
- **Blow leaves and debris** into a pile onto a tarp or drop cloth for proper disposal into a green waste or solid waste container with a lid.

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

### ***Call Us For More Information.***

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