



county of san diego

# pesticides



## *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 creeks, lakes, and beaches, directly affects them and their families.

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

Pesticides are easily washed away by rain or irrigation. The **County of San Diego Watershed Protection Program** supports residents in their efforts to prevent pollution by offering these important **tips for preventing pesticides from entering the storm drain.**



**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 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?*

- **Apply pesticides when conditions are dry** and there is little wind.
- **Avoid applications to water bodies.**
- **Apply pesticides according to the label.**
- **Use the least amount of product** following the label instructions.
- **Use Integrated Pest Management (IPM) techniques** to control pests. IPM includes the use of beneficial insects, trapping and weeding.
- **Store pesticides in labeled, closed containers** in a manner that protects them from contact with stormwater.
- **Clean up pesticide spills promptly** and according to label or Safety Data Sheet (SDS) directions.

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

### *Call Us For More Information.*

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