

It is illegal to connect to the storm drain without a permit. To obtain a storm drain connection permit, contact the Los Angeles County Dept. of Public Works, Construction Division at (626) 458-3129.

### RECYCLING AND HAZARDOUS WASTE INFORMATION

Los Angeles County Dept. of Public Works,  
Recycling & Household Hazardous Waste Disposal  
**1-888-CleanLA (1-888-253-2652)** or visit  
[www.888CleanLA.com](http://www.888CleanLA.com)

Earth's 911  
**1-800-Clean-Up (253-2687)**  
[www.earth911.org](http://www.earth911.org)

### TO REPORT ILLEGAL DUMPING OR SPILLS

City of San Dimas (909) 394-6240

To report illegal discharges or dumping to the storm drain system anywhere in Los Angeles County at any time, call 1-888-CleanLA (1-888-253-2652).

This brochure is one of a series of brochures describing storm drain protection measures. Other brochures include:

**CONSTRUCTION SITES & HOME REMODELING**

**HORSE OWNERS & EQUINE INDUSTRY**  
*(coming soon)*

**MOBILE BUSINESSES**

**PICK UP YOUR PET'S WASTE**

**WATER CONSERVATION**



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## PAINTING

# Storm Water Pollution Prevention



## Best Management Practices (BMPs) for

Professional Painters  
Dry Wall Crews  
Plasterers  
Paper Hangers  
Floor Covering Installers  
General Contractors  
Home Builders  
Developers  
Do-It-Yourselfers

## PROBLEMS!

### Stormwater Pollution - *It's Up To Us*

The City of San Dimas has two (2) drainage systems - the sewers and the storm drains.

The storm drain system was designed to prevent flooding by carrying excess rainwater away from city streets to the San Gabriel River and finally, out to the ocean.

During storms in urban areas, rainwater may mix with pollutants in industrial and household runoff, creating stormwater pollution.

Pollution in stormwater and urban runoff contaminates streams, rivers and the ocean. Stormwater pollution closes beaches, harms aquatic life, and increases the risk of inland flooding by clogging gutters and catch basins. Overall, storm water pollution costs the County of Los Angeles economy more than \$26 million per year.



All paints, solvents and adhesives contain chemicals that are harmful to wild life and humans. That is why proper handling and

disposal of these products is so important.

It is especially important not to clean brushes in an area where paint residue can flow to a street, gutter, or storm drain. Once paint residue enters the storm drain system, it flows directly to the ocean.



## SOLUTIONS!

These Best Management Practices (BMPs) will ensure a cleaner ocean and city.

### Keep Work Sites Clean

BMPs such as handling, storing, and disposing of materials properly can prevent pollutants from entering the storm drains.

### Keep Liquid Products away from Streets

Keep all liquid paint products and wastes away from the street, gutter, and storm drain systems.

### General Business Practice

- Use water-based paints instead of oil-based paints. Look for the words "Latex" or "Cleanup with water" on the label. **Do NOT rinse into storm drains!**
- Don't use paints over 15 years old. They may contain toxic levels of lead.

### Paint Cleanup

- Liquid residues from oil-based paints, thinners, solvents, glues, and cleaning fluids are hazardous wastes. When thoroughly dry, used brushes, rags, drop cloths and empty paint cans (lids off), may be disposed of as trash.
- Never clean **brushes** or rinse paint containers into a street, gutter, or storm drains.
- For **water-based paints**, paint out brushes to the extent possible, and rinse in the sink.
- For **oil-based paints**, paint out brushes to the extent possible. Clean with thinner and then, filter and reuse thinner or solvent.



### Surface Preparation

- Chemical paint stripping residue is a hazardous waste. For disposal information call the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works 1-888-CleanLA (1-888-253-2652).
- Chips and dust from marine paints or paints containing lead or tributyl tin are hazardous wastes. Dry sweep and call Los Angeles County Department of Public Works. 1-888-CleanLA (1-888-253-2652) for more information.
- Paint chips and dust from non-hazardous dry stripping and sand blasting may be swept up and disposed of as trash.
- When stripping or cleaning building exteriors with high-pressure water, block storm drains. Wash water onto dirt areas or collect by mopping or vacuuming. Check with the local wastewater treatment authority to find out if building cleaning water can be disposed in the sanitary (not storm) sewer.

### Recycle or Reuse Leftover Paints

- Reuse leftover paint for touch-ups or donate it to local graffiti paint-out programs.
- For additional recycling options call 1-888-CleanLA (1-888-253-2652). Or the City of San Dimas Environmental Coordinator (909) 394-6244

