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Help Prevent Ocean Pollution

Clean beaches and healthy creeks, rivers, bays, and ocean are important to Los Angeles County. However, many common household activities can lead to water pollution if you're not careful. Fertilizers, pesticides and other chemicals that are left on yards or driveways can be blown or washed into the storm drains that flow to the ocean. Over-watering lawns can also send materials into the storm drains. Unlike water in sanitary sewers (from sinks and toilets), water in storm drains is not treated before entering our waterways.

You would never pour gardening products into the ocean, so don't let them enter the storm drains. Follow these easy tips to help prevent water pollution.

County of Los Angeles
Department of Public Works

www.888CleanLA.com

**To Report Illegal Dumping into the
County's Storm Drain System,
Call:**

1(888)CLEAN LA

24 hours a day/7 Days a week

The tips contained in this brochure provide useful information to help prevent water pollution. If you have other suggestions, please contact your city's stormwater representatives or call the Los Angeles County Stormwater Program.



Tips for Pool Maintenance



The Ocean begins at
your front door.

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Tips for Pool Maintenance

Many pools are plumbed to allow the pool to drain directly to the sanitary sewer. If yours is not, follow these instructions for disposing of pool and spa water.



Acceptable and Preferred Method of Disposal

When you cannot dispose of pool water in the sanitary sewer, the release of dechlorinated swimming pool water is allowed if all of these tips are followed:

- The residential chlorine does not exceed 0.1 mg/l (parts per million).
- The pH is between 6.5 and 8.5.
- The water is free of any unusual coloration, dirt or algae.
- There is no discharge of filter media.
- There is no discharge of acid cleaning wastes.
- Some cities may have ordinances that do not allow pool water to be disposed into a storm drain. Check with your city.

How to Know if You're Following the Standards

You can find out how much chlorine is in your water by using a pool testing kit. Excess chlorine can be removed by discontinuing the use of chlorine for a few days prior to discharge or by purchasing dechlorinating chemicals from a local pool supply company. Always make sure to follow the instructions that come with any products you use.



Doing Your Part

By complying with these guidelines, you will make a significant contribution toward keeping pollutants out of Orange County's creeks, streams, rivers, bays and the ocean. This helps to protect organisms that are sensitive to pool chemicals, and helps to maintain the health of our environment.



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PLEASE CALL:

City of Compton
(310)605-5505



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Never allow chemical products or polluted water to enter the street or storm drain.