

# Preventing Pollution: It's Up to Us

In the Salinas Valley, storm drains transport water directly to local creeks and the Monterey Bay without treatment. Stormwater pollution is a serious problem for wildlife dependent on our creeks and bay and for the people who live near polluted streams or baylands. Common sources of this pollution include spilled oil, fuel, and fluids from vehicles and heavy equipment; construction debris; sediment created by erosion; landscaping runoff containing pesticides or weed killers; and materials such as used motor oil, antifreeze, and paint products that people pour or spill into a street or storm drain.

King City has joined together with other Salinas Valley municipalities and Monterey County to educate local residents and businesses to prevent stormwater pollution. Join us, by following the practices described in this pamphlet.

## Doing the Job Right

### General Business Practices

- Protect stockpiles and landscaping materials from wind and rain by storing them under tarps all year-round.
- Stack bagged materials on pallets and under cover.
- Store pesticides, fertilizers, and other chemicals indoors or in a shed or storage cabinet.
- Schedule grading and excavation projects during dry weather.
- Use temporary check dams or ditches to divert runoff away from storm drains.
- Protect storm drains with sandbags or other sediment controls.
- Provide erosion control for areas of exposed soil using vegetation or blankets.

## Storm Drain Pollution from Landscaping and Gardening

Many landscaping activities expose soils and increase the likelihood that earth and garden chemicals will run off into the storm drains during irrigation or when it rains. These chemicals are toxic to aquatic life.

### Landscaping/Garden Maintenance

- Use pesticides sparingly, and only as a last resort, according to instructions on the label. Rinse empty containers, and use rinsewater as product. Dispose of rinsed, empty containers in the trash.
- Dispose of unused pesticides as hazardous waste.
- Discontinue application of any erodible landscape material at least 2 days before a forecast rain event or during wet weather.
- Collect lawn and garden clippings, pruning waste, and tree trimmings. Chip if necessary, and compost.
- Do not blow or rake leaves, etc. into the street, or place yard waste in gutters or on dirt shoulders, unless you are piling them for recycling (allowed by San José and unincorporated County only). Sweep up any leaves, litter or residue in gutters or on street.

## Integrated Pest Management



Integrated Pest Management (IPM) offers effective techniques and less-toxic products for controlling common pests. IPM is a method of controlling pests and weeds using the least toxic methods available through a combination of mechanical, biological and chemical controls.

- For a list of less-toxic pest control products go to [http://www.mywatershedwatch.org/images/2011\\_Less-Toxic\\_Products\\_by\\_pest\\_list.pdf](http://www.mywatershedwatch.org/images/2011_Less-Toxic_Products_by_pest_list.pdf)
- Hire or become an IPM certified pest control company. For more information visit My Watershed Watch website at <http://mywatershedwatch.org/hiringIPMcompany.html>.

## Small Business Hazardous Waste Disposal Program

Businesses that generate less than 25 gallons or 220 pounds of hazardous waste per month are eligible to use the Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority's Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator Program (CESQG). Call (831) 424-5520 for a quote, more information or guidance on disposal.

This brochure is one in a series of pamphlets describing storm drain pollution prevention measures for specific types of construction industry activities. Other pamphlets include:

### ***Home Repair and Remodeling***

### ***General Construction and Site Supervision***

### ***Landscaping and Gardening***

### ***Painting and Application of Solvents and Adhesives***

### ***Roadwork and Paving***

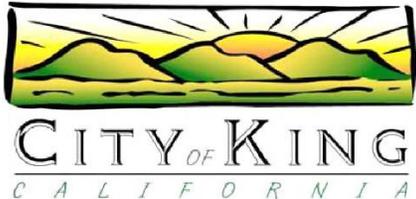
### ***Earth Moving and Heavy Equipment Operation***

### ***Dewatering Activities***

For additional brochures, call (831) 385-3281

Or visit King City's Stormwater Website:

<https://www.kingcity.com/city-departments/engineering-department/storm-water-management/>



## Spill Response Agencies:

1. King City City Hall: Call (831) 385-3281.
2. State Office of Emergency Services Warning Center (24 hours). Call 1-800-852-7550
3. Monterey County Health Department: Call (831) 385-8311 or 911

## Local Pollution Control Agencies

Monterey County Department of Environmental Health - (831) 755-4505

Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority . (831) 775-3000

Jolon Road Transfer Station. . . . (831) 385-6213

Waste Management Customer Service . King City  
1-800-321-8226  
wm-service@wm.com

King City Wastewater Treatment Facility. .  
(831) 385-3281

Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Central Coast Region - (805) 549-3147

Sun Street Household Hazardous Waste Facility .  
(831) 424-5520

# Landscaping and Gardening

## *Best Management Practices (BMPs) for the Construction Industry*



## Who should use this brochure?

- Landscapers
- Gardeners
- General contractors
- Home builders
- Developers
- Homeowners