

9 Simple Things You Can Do to prevent storm water pollution

1. Clean up after your pet.
2. Dispose of household hazardous waste, used auto fluids and batteries at a designated center. On the South Coast, call the Community Hazardous Waste Collection Center at 882-3602.
3. Repair auto leaks.
4. Sweep up yard debris instead of hosing down areas. Compost or recycle yard waste when possible.
5. Use commercial car washes or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface.
6. Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly, if at all.
7. Clean paint brushes in a sink, not outdoors. Properly dispose of excess paint at a hazardous waste collection center.
8. Report dumping or other pollution at 1-877-OUR-OCEAN.
9. Sweep up and properly dispose of construction debris like concrete, stucco or mortar. On the South Coast, call the Transfer Station at 681-4345. In the north, call the City of Santa Maria at 925-0951.

For more ideas, upcoming events and volunteer opportunities, visit the Project Clean Water website at www.sbprojectcleanwater.org