

## DO YOUR PART TO PREVENT POLLUTION

Yard waste and household toxics like paints and pesticides often make their way into the city's storm drain system and do not get treated before reaching the streams and oceans.. This pollutes our neighborhoods and contaminates our waterways, making them unsafe for people and wildlife. Please follow some of these simple tips to prevent pollution and protect your health and your families health.

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## STORM WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION

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# HOME AND GARDEN

## RECYCLE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE:

Household products like paint, pesticides, solvents and cleaners are too dangerous to dump into the drains and to toxic to throw into the trash. Take them to be recycled at a convenient household hazardous waste collection facility. For more information on collection events, please visit the City's website at [www.ca.agourahills.ca.us](http://www.ca.agourahills.ca.us), or give us a call.



**Dispose of Household Waste Properly**

## DISPOSING OF YARD WASTE

Recycle leaves, grass clippings and other yard waste, instead of blowing, sweeping or hosing into the street. Try grasscycling, leaving grass clippings on



your lawn instead of using a grass catcher. The clippings act as a natural fertilizer and because grass is mostly water, it also irrigates your lawn, conserving water.

**Recycling is healthy for your yard**

## PLANTING IN THE YARD

Produce less yard waste and save water by planting low maintenance, drought-tolerant trees and shrubs. Using drip irrigation, soaker hoses or micro-spray systems for flower beds and vegetation can also help reduce your water bill and prevent runoff.

## USE WATER WISELY

Cut your water costs and prevent runoff by controlling the amount of water and direction of sprinklers. The average lawn needs about an inch of water a week, including rainfall, or 10 to 20 minutes of watering. A half-inch per week is enough for fall and spring. Sprinklers should be on long enough to allow water to soak into the ground but not so long as to cause runoff.

## USE FERTILIZERS AND PESTICIDES SAFELY

Fertilizers and pesticides are often carried into the storm drain system by sprinkler runoff. Try using organic or non-toxic alternatives. If you use chemical fertilizers or pesticides, avoid applying near curbs and driveways and never apply before a rain storm. Read the



**Be safe with the use of pesticides**

product label and follow the directions carefully, using only as directed. Store fertilizers and chemicals in a covered area and in sealed, waterproof containers. Take unwanted lawn or garden chemicals to a household hazardous waste collection facility. Use non-toxic products for your garden and lawn whenever possible.

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