

QUICK TIPS

- Keep water on lawns, and out of the street
- Plant vegetation on bare slopes to prevent soil erosion
- Sweep, don't hose off driveways and sidewalks
- Take your car to a car wash
- Properly dispose of used oil and other automotive products
- Contact the City before you empty your pool or spa
- Properly dispose of hazardous household cleaners and chemicals – never down the storm drain or sink
- Pick up pet waste and trash
- Call the Water Quality Hotline 760-643-2804 – for more information. We're here to help!

CITY OF VISTA WATER QUALITY PROTECTION PROGRAM

The City of Vista is committed to protecting and enhancing water quality in local waterways, all of which eventually flow to the Pacific Ocean. The City appreciates your cooperation in this effort and staff are available to assist you with any questions or concerns. If businesses and residents help us to prevent urban runoff, our local environment and community will benefit. For more information regarding the City's Water Quality Protection Program, please visit www.cityofvista.com/city-services and click the link for "Water Quality Protection".

RESOURCES AND CONTACTS – WE'RE HERE TO HELP

CITY OF VISTA



Water Quality Protection Program

Water Quality Hotline 760-643-2804
Email: waterquality@cityofvista.com



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PROTECTING
OUR LOCAL
WATERWAYS

How Residents Can Help

YOU CAN HELP KEEP OUR CREEKS CLEAN – ONLY RAIN DOWN THE STORM DRAIN

Storm drains carry stormwater runoff away from streets, parking lots, and other surfaces to prevent flooding. Because storm drains are *not* connected to the sanitary sewer system, the runoff is *not* treated at a wastewater treatment plant. **Instead, runoff is discharged directly into local creeks, and eventually reaches lagoons and the ocean.** Therefore, flows created by rain or irrigation water can convey pollutants such as trash, pet waste, motor oil, fertilizers and pesticides into local waterways.



HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP

When irrigating your lawn, water should not run off onto the sidewalk and must be prevented from entering storm drains. If you have slopes that are not planted, cover them with plants or mulch to prevent soil from washing away.



Taking your car to a car wash instead of washing it in your driveway helps keep detergents and other pollutants from entering storm drains. Even detergents labelled “earth-friendly” or “biodegradable” can be harmful to water quality in local streams.

Sweep your driveway and pavement rather than hosing it down.



Keep your vehicles in good condition to prevent leaks. If you change your own oil or do other repairs, it's important to



properly dispose of hazardous materials. Call the Water Quality Hotline at 760-643-2804 for disposal options.



If you have a pool or spa that needs to be emptied, call the Engineering Department at 760-639-6111 or waterquality@cityofvista.com for information about how to properly dispose of the water. Don't let it flow onto the street and into storm drains.

Many household cleaners and chemicals are hazardous to your family's health and the environment! Never pour these products into storm drains or down your household drains.

Pick up and dispose of trash! Trash going into creeks attracts nuisance animals and creates health risks to humans and the creatures that live there. Remember to pick up pet waste in your yard and neighborhood. Bacteria from pet waste that ends up in storm drains can also cause beach closures after rain events.

