



## Spill Response & Training

- Have a spill kit on site. Consider having brooms, mops, towels, absorbents and safety supplies readily available.
- Develop a spill response plan and provide employees with training.
- Provide information about pollution prevention in employee areas.

## Stormwater Compliance Business Inspections

City of Vista staff regularly inspect businesses to assess pollution prevention measures and ensure compliance. Facility inspections include a meeting with business representatives, a walk-through of the facility, evaluation of pollution prevention measures, and recommendations for additional measures that may be required.

City staff appreciate your efforts in preventing pollution and are available to assist you with identifying site-specific pollution prevention measures.





## City of Vista Stormwater 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 pollution, our local environment and community will benefit. For more information regarding the City's Stormwater and Water Quality Protection Program, please visit our website at: [cityofvista.com/stormwater](http://cityofvista.com/stormwater)

If you have questions about pollution prevention at your business or observe polluted runoff, please contact the City of Vista's Water Quality Hotline at:

 760.643.2804 (English and Spanish)

 [waterquality@cityofvista.com](mailto:waterquality@cityofvista.com)



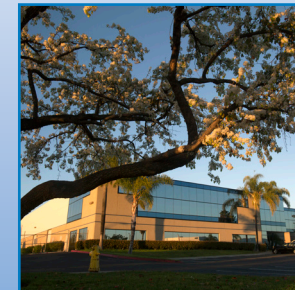
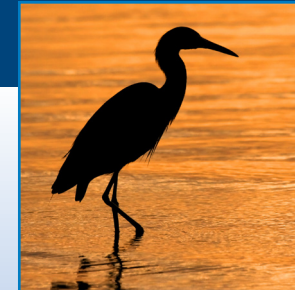
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## Best Management Practices for Businesses



## Commercial and Industrial



## Did You Know ...

The network of catch basins and underground pipes that direct runoff away from streets, parking lots, and rooftops during rain events is called the storm drain system. This system prevents flooding by directing runoff to nearby creeks. Because runoff is not treated at a treatment plant, it can collect a variety of pollutants, including trash, bacteria, dirt, pesticides, and fertilizers. This pollution can adversely affect the environment and quality of life in Vista.

## Best Management Practices

Because stormwater runoff can carry pollutants in the environment, businesses are required to implement pollution prevention measures and activities, referred to as Best Management Practices. This brochure provides businesses with an overview of important pollution prevention measures required by Vista Municipal Code (Chapter 13.18, Urban Runoff Management and Discharge Control Program). ***Vista Municipal Code prohibits all pollutants and irrigation runoff from entering the storm drain system.***



## Good Housekeeping

- Routinely sweep or mop sidewalks and pavement. Do not wash surfaces with water unless it is collected for disposal or directed to landscaped areas.
- Keep site clean by regularly removing trash, dirt, leaves, and debris.
- Place trash and recycling bins around the site.
- Regularly inspect site storm drain features and identify sources of pollution.
- Wash company vehicles at a commercial car wash, not on site.

## Material Storage & Handling

- Cover outdoor materials with a roof (permanent) or tarp (temporary), and elevate materials, where possible, to prevent contact with rain water.
- Store all hazardous materials in designated areas with cover and secondary containment.



## Landscaping

- Inspect irrigation system; and make adjustments to prevent runoff.
- Minimize use of fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides.

## Waste Management

- Keep trash enclosures, dumpsters, grease bins clean.
- Dumpsters and grease bin lids must be kept closed.
- All hazardous materials/waste must be disposed of in accordance with applicable State and Federal laws and regulations. Contact San Diego County Environmental Health Hazardous Materials Division for questions regarding disposal of hazardous materials/waste at 858.505.6900.

