

5. Additional BMPs

- All staff and vendors are required to be informed of pollution prevention BMPs provided in this brochure or as needed for the event.
- Where possible, place food vendors (trailers, ice cream trucks, coffee/push carts) away from storm drains inlets.
- Post-event street sweeping may be necessary.
- If there is a need to pressure wash, all runoff must be collected and not discharged to storm drain system.




Thank you for contributing to the spirit and vitality of our community through the presentation of your event. On behalf of the City of Vista, we wish you a safe and enjoyable event. If you have further questions, contact stormwater at waterquality@cityofvista.com or 760.643.2804. The City of Vista is committed to protecting the quality of our local water bodies and appreciates your cooperation in this effort.

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

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)

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Best Management Practices for Special Events



We all play an important role in protecting our water, wildlife, and plants



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.

Potential sources of pollution at special events:

- Trash and debris
- Food waste
- Spills of liquids, oils, or automotive fluids
- Portable restrooms
- Wash water

Best Management Practices

Best Management Practices (BMPs) are activities that prevent pollutants from entering the storm drain system. This brochure provides an overview of pollution prevention BMPs for special events. Vista Municipal Code (Chapter 13.18, Urban Runoff Management and Discharge Control Program), prohibits all pollutants from entering the storm drain system.

Minimum Requirements

Preventing pollution is less costly than cleaning up “after the fact.” Due to the types of activities at special events, BMPs must be implemented to prevent pollutants from enter in the storm drain system. *The following are minimum pollution prevention BMPs to implement:*

1. Storm drain(s) and inlet(s)

If your event is in vicinity of a storm drain system:

- On the permit application, identify storm drain inlets on the site map.
- Before the event, protect storm drain inlets with plastic barriers, screens, gravel bags or sandbags.
- During the event, periodically inspect the area to ensure pollutants are not entering storm drain inlets.

After the event (or if risk of rain), remove all storm drain inlet protection.



2. Portable Restrooms

- Do not place portable restrooms near storm drain inlets.
- Portable restrooms must have secondary containment.

3. Trash and Debris

- Keep the event area free of litter.
- Place all trash/recycling containers in visible locations.
- Monitor trash/recycling containers to prevent overflow.
- Use dry methods for trash removal and cleaning.
- Keep trash bin lids closed where able.
- After the event, a final ‘walk through’ is required to remove any trash.
- Large events with over 2,000 persons per day and that charge an admission price may be required to implement a Waste Reduction, Reuse, and Recycling Plan. Please check the online information at: www.leginfo.ca.gov/AB-2176



4. Spill Prevention and Cleanup

- Secure, cover, and label used oil, chemical, and liquid containers.
- Spilled materials must be promptly cleaned up and disposed of properly.
- Liquid containers (e.g., food grease, oil, and chemicals) are required to have a secondary containment.
- Spill kit (e.g. paper towels, kitty litter and/or absorbent) is required in your workstations and/or near liquid containers.
- Identify a licensed grease hauler, if necessary for food vendors.