



CONTRA COSTA CLEAN WATER PROGRAM

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What the *Contra Costa Clean Water Program* does:

▶ **Protects sources of clean drinking water from contamination and pollution:**

- Clean and maintain creeks and other natural waterways, restore natural vegetation and improve wildlife habitats;
- Test and monitor water quality in drainages and investigate and abate pollution sources;
- Retrofit existing water drainage systems to remove pollutants, which includes trash;
- Enforce green water quality requirements on land development projects to treat and manage runoff to protect nearby creeks from erosion.

▶ **Keeps trash and pollution out of local lakes, creeks, rivers, the Delta and Bay:**

- Install and maintain full trash-capture devices in storm drains;
- Expand surveillance and enforcement activities to abate illegal dumping in our communities and along our local creeks and waterways;

- Implement trash cleanup programs that utilize dedicated staff as well as volunteer resources;
- Continue “Drains to Bay/Delta” and/or “Drains to Creek” stencil program on catch basins;
- Implement anti-litter outreach and pollution prevention programs to ensure our communities continue to protect our waterways.

▶ **Prevents illegal or toxic discharges of pollution into water:**

- Continue field monitoring programs to identify and abate pollutant discharges including mercury and copper;
- Promote and expand green business certifications (currently over 516 certified).

▶ **Catches, treats, and reuses rainwater:**

- Harvest and use rainwater for landscape irrigation, to conserve clean drinking water and to eliminate pollutant discharges.

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PREVENTION STARTS AT HOME!



CLEAN CREEKS



CLEAN WATER



CLEAN DELTA & BAY

Why is preventing *Polluted Water Runoff* a concern?

When water drains from our streets, parking lots and lawns, dangerous pollutants are picked up reducing water quality. This water runoff also contains toxic waste, bacteria and trash harmful to humans, fish and wildlife.

You and your family play an important role in storm water pollution prevention:

- ▶ Use natural alternatives to chemical fertilizers and pesticides.
- ▶ Avoid hosing down driveway or sidewalk. Dry sweep paved areas and then discard debris in trash.
- ▶ Divert runoff from pavement to grassy, planted or wooded areas of your property, so stormwater can seep slowly into the ground.
- ▶ Compost grass clippings and leaves. Never allow them to wash into streets where they will reach storm drains.
- ▶ Properly dispose of household hazardous wastes, take unwanted household chemicals to hazardous waste collection centers; do not pour them down the drain.
- ▶ Recycle used motor oil by taking it to one of over 100 certified collection centers. For locations, call: 1 800 NO DUMPING or visit: www.funnelhead.com
- ▶ Collect and dispose of your pet's waste in the garbage. Animal wastes contain harmful bacteria and viruses.
- ▶ Take your car to a professional car wash where the wash water is treated. Washing your car in your driveway releases pollutants into nearby storm drains.

SAVE THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

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(925) 313-2360.