



## PROTECT OUR WATER IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY!

As important as it is to take care of our homes, it is just as important to recognize that our home extends past the driveway. Keeping the streets and storm drains of Contra Costa County litter-free is all our responsibility.

### Storm Drain Management

As you enjoy walks outside during this summer you can make an impactful difference by picking up litter from storm water grates and safely disposing of it. Remember, water in the storm drain system isn't treated; any pollutants or litter picked up along the way travel directly to our creeks and Bays. Learn about the difference between how water travels between the storm drain system and the sanitary system in this short video! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YJ5DOo3sAh4>

### Proper Disposal of Pollutants

A big part of keeping our Contra Costa County waterways clean is properly disposing of household products such as pesticides, paint, car fluids, and other home cleaning products. These products are considered Household Hazardous Waste and if entered into our water source, they have the potential to threaten human health and the environment. Did you know that you can safely discard a variety of household waste to your local household hazardous waste facility at no charge? Well, you can! Check out our [website](#) for more information about household waste and to locate the nearest waste facility near you.

### Water Quality Importance

Water quality is not only important to keep our community safe but also to enjoy some fun in the sun! With countless beautiful [parks](#) near the Delta and Bays, there is an outside activity option for everyone. Clean waters mean a more enjoyable time fishing, kayaking, and paddle boarding. Whether your outside choice of activity is on land or in the water, remember to properly dispose of your litter and help keep our waters clean.

As you enjoy your time outside this summer in our beautiful county, remember simple changes can make major impacts on our water quality. We can all work together to keep our local waterways clean and safe. Visit [www.cccleanwater.org](http://www.cccleanwater.org) for more ways to make an impact in the quality of our waterways!