



CITY OF SANTEE

Community Activities

Storm Water Fact Sheets

WHAT IS STORM WATER?

Storm water is the untreated, contaminated water that flows over streets, parking lots, and other surfaces picking up pollutants along the way.

WHERE DOES IT GO?

The storm drain system is separate from the sewer system. All the water that enters these drains ends up in our creeks, rivers, and ultimately the Pacific Ocean completely untreated!

WHY IS IT A PROBLEM?

The San Diego river flows right through Santee on its way to the Pacific Ocean. It is home to many species, and provides recreation for us. Any pollutant no matter how small can have a big impact downstream.

POLLUTION & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES?

Pollutants typically associated with Community Activities are: litter, debris, food waste, and pet waste. These types of discharges are illegal and detrimental to water quality downstream from the community activity.

Control, Contain, & Capture All Fluids



HOW CAN I PREVENT POLLUTION DURING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES?

Implement Best Management Practices which are practical and cost effective practices for your community activity which reduce, control, or prevent water pollution.

- ⇒ Use trays under portable toilets (secondary containment)
- ⇒ Have materials available at an outdoor event to promptly remove spills as they occur: *cloths, paper towels, dustpan and brush, etc.*
- ⇒ Promptly dispose of trash into dumpsters with lids
- ⇒ Do not allow dumpsters to overfill
- ⇒ Sweep after an outdoor event and clean catch basins or storm drains if needed
- ⇒ For pollution prevention methods during Community Activities and car washing activities look at: www.ci.santee.ca.us/For Residents