



CITY OF SANTEE

Paved Roads & Parking Lots

WHAT IS STORM WATER?

Storm water includes any water that flows over streets, parking lots, and other surfaces. We can't control rain, but we CAN control how we use our water and we can keep our environment clean by removing and disposing of all wastes and potential pollutants.

WHERE DOES IT GO?

Storm water enters outside drains that are located in streets, parking lots, and along curbs. These drains are separate from the sewer system. Anything that reaches a storm drain will end up in the San Diego river, and ultimately the Pacific Ocean completely untreated!

WHY IS POLLUTION A PROBLEM?

Clean water is crucial for all forms of life. The San Diego river flows right through Santee on its way to the Pacific Ocean. It is home to many species and has many recreational uses. Any pollutant no matter how small, can have a big impact downstream.

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All pollutants, such as litter, oil, grease, food, trash, soaps and chemicals that are left on the ground will eventually reach our waterways. When paved surfaces are not properly maintained, debris and residues are mobilized by runoff and wind, polluting our water.

Don't Hose it Down, Sweep it Up!

Pavement Maintenance Tips:

FOLLOW THESE GOOD HOUSEKEEPING PRACTICES:

- Inspect and clean all paved areas on a routine basis (a least once a year).
- Regularly sweep all paved surfaces. If use of water is necessary, first cover and block all nearby drains. Direct water runoff to landscaping, or CONTAIN, CAPTURE, and DISPOSE of all wash water to the sewer system (indoors). Minimize the use of water and remove residues using a mop, scrub brush, or bucket and towel with soapy water.
- Keep site clear of trash, sediment, litter, and other debris and clean and remove dried spills and residue.
- Provide sufficient trash bins, keep them covered, and empty before over-full.

PATCHING, RESURFACING OR SEALING?

- Schedule activities for dry weather.
- Cover and protect any storm drain inlets within or near the work area prior to pavement repair.
- Clean cracks prior to sealing using broom or compressed air.
- Cover and contain all resurfacing materials stored on site.
- When work is complete, leave the site clean (sweep surfaces) and remove BMPs. Remove all debris and materials, including scattered asphalt pieces (aggregate).

Please reference the Storm Water Management Ordinance SMC 9.06.220 Regarding Parking Lot Maintenance.

Learn about more ways that you can help at: www.SanteeH2o.org

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