



CITY OF SANTEE

STORMWATER FACT SHEET 12

STORMWATER INFORMATION

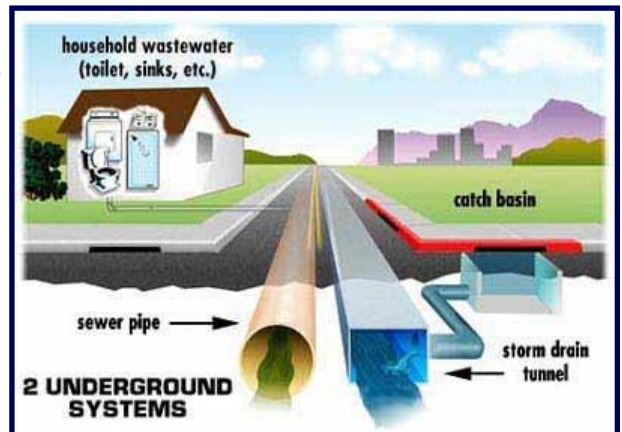
Pollution Prevention at Special Events

WHAT IS STORMWATER POLLUTION?

Stormwater pollution is the untreated, contaminated water that drains from streets, parking lots, industrial yards, driveways, sidewalks and other impervious surfaces. Water from such sources as rain, hoses, power washers, sprinklers, and car-washing activities carry pollutants to the storm drain system.

WHERE DOES IT GO?

The storm drain system is made up of a series of curbs, gutters, drainage channels, culverts, inlets and pipes. All water that drains off of the streets, parking lots, driveways and sidewalks, and through the storm drain system ends up in our creeks, rivers, and ultimately the Pacific Ocean completely untreated! Just remember, the storm drain system is SEPARATE from the sanitary sewer system.



HOW CAN A SPECIAL EVENT CAUSE STORMWATER POLLUTION?

An event can result in the generation of a large amount of litter. Plastic bags and other light material may be blown into creeks and channels. Other items may enter curb inlets, either blocking the structure, or being washed via runoff through the storm drain system into nearby rivers and creeks. Food and pet waste can be sources of bacteria and nutrients. Protect water quality by using the following best management practices:

- ☹ Portable toilets shall have secondary containment.
- ☹ Have materials available (cloths, paper towels, a dustpan and brush, etc.) to promptly remove spills as they occur.
- ☹ Install temporary fencing to prevent trash from being dispersed.
- ☹ Use temporary screens on catch basins and storm drain inlets.
- ☹ Provide plenty of trash and recycling bins. Promptly dispose of trash into dumpsters with lids and do not allow dumpsters to overflow.

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