

## FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH STORMWATER REQUIREMENTS

From conducting street sweeping to addressing and eliminating prohibited discharges, failure to comply with stormwater regulations may subject the City, the responsible individual and/or responsible business to Notices of Violation and possibly fines. Should fines be issued, existing programs, and services may be affected. Pollution affects local groundwater, the aquatic life (from microorganisms to fish), users of the ocean (swimmers, surfers, and fishermen), while affecting available local water supplies, recreational uses, seafood and tourism.

## EXISTING AND FUTURE EFFORTS



Reducing/eliminating pollution will take a cumulative effort, including City employees, Contractors, Burbank residents, businesses, and visitors.

Current activities aimed at reducing/controlling pollution include:

- The City's participation in the Upper Los Angeles River Enhanced Watershed Management Program efforts, where the City and other permittees are collaboratively identifying multi-purpose (i.e., flood management, water conservation, recreational/ open space, water quality treatment) projects to capture and either infiltrate or reuse stormwater and urban runoff.

- Continuing weekly street sweeping on City streets and City-owned parking lots.
- Continuing to fund a full time Illicit Stormwater Program (ISP) Inspector to respond to any calls regarding prohibited connections/discharges.
- Developing educational/outreach material, including this pamphlet, the City's stormwater website, City door hangers, and attend outreach events.
- Training City employees annually regarding the MS4 permit.
- Installed full capture trash excluder systems in all City-owned catch basins, and now maintain and inspect all City-owned catch basins 3 times a year.
- Developed an Illicit Connection/ Illicit Discharge Manual in which all City departments receive a copy.

## FUTURE ACTIVITIES AIMED AT REDUCING & CONTROLLING POLLUTION INCLUDE:

- Receiving water and outfall monitoring to determine the quality of waters entering local rivers.
- Developing a Low Impact Development ordinance and Green Streets policy to reduce runoff and retain it on-site.



**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON  
STORMWATER POLLUTION  
PREVENTION AND BEST  
MANAGEMENT PRACTICES, PLEASE  
VISIT:**

[www.burbankca.gov/stormwater](http://www.burbankca.gov/stormwater)

# CITY OF BURBANK PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

## STORM WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

**150 N. THIRD ST.  
BURBANK, CA. 91502  
(818) 238-3915**

[WWW.BURBANKCA.GOV/STORMWATER](http://WWW.BURBANKCA.GOV/STORMWATER)



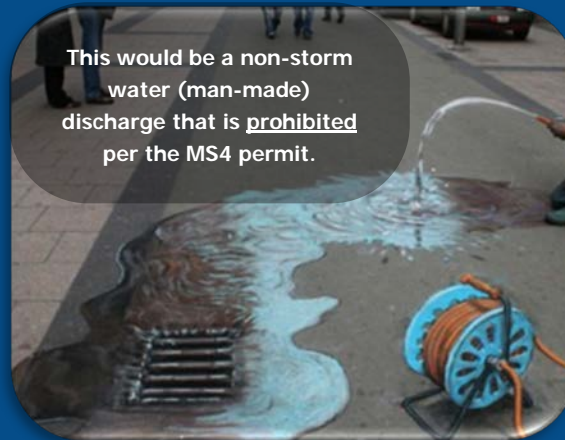
## STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Stormwater is water from rain or precipitation that flows across landscape, roadways, sidewalks, and buildings. Stormwater that does not soak into the ground becomes surface runoff. Runoff flows off of rooftops and sidewalks into gutters that lead to storm drains, which eventually discharge to the local waterways and ultimately the ocean.



Since the storm drain system does not flow to a treatment plant, the City of Burbank, along with other L.A. County cities, is subject to fulfilling the requirements of the State-issued municipal storm water (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System – MS4) permit, which regulates discharges from the storm drain system.

The permit essentially prohibits any non-storm water (i.e. man-made) discharges from entering the storm drain system. Any discharge, whether it is onto a public sidewalk or street, will flow untreated into the storm drains, into local rivers, and ultimately into the ocean, further affecting its users and inhabitants. The intent of the MS4 permit is to allow "only rain down the drain."



## PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

The following activities are examples of prohibited discharges that can pollute local rivers and the ocean:

- Washing paint brushes, stucco, and cement containers in the street or gutter
- Leaking vehicular motor oil, grease, or other fluids.
- Not picking up pet waste
- Washing your driveway
- Pesticides and other household chemicals



## WHO CAN I CALL IF I HAVE QUESTIONS OR WITNESS SOMEONE DISCHARGING POLLUTANTS?

Please use your voice to educate them or if needed, report them to:

Suez Environmental, 818-972-1115  
Burbank's Public Works Dept., 818-238-3915  
Burbank's Code Enforcement, 818-238-5220  
Burbank's Police Department, 818-238-3000  
After Hours, 818-238-3778

## TIPS TO REDUCE/ CONTROL POLLUTION

- Dispose of trash and extinguished cigarette butts in a trash bin.
- When working with concrete, cement, or mortar, prevent materials from blowing or flowing onto a street or storm drain.
- When excavating and landscaping, protect dirt piles from wind and rain.
- Never use fertilizers or pesticides before a rain event is forecasted.
- Use a broom rather than a hose to clean up garden clippings. Don't leave leaves and lawn clippings in the gutter.
- Consider composting, which is a valuable soil conditioner for the lawn and garden.
- Divert rain spouts and garden hoses from paved surfaces onto grass and planted areas, or into rain barrels.
- Water only your lawn and garden – not the sidewalk or driveway.
- Clean up after your pets. Pet waste contains pathogens that can contaminate local rivers. Put pet waste in the trash.
- Clean up spilled brake fluid, oil, grease, and antifreeze by absorbing them using kitty litter or sand and then dispose of the material at a local household hazardous waste event. Do not hose them into the street.
- Obtain a Public Works permit for a dechlorinated/debrominated swimming pool discharge or a non-profit car wash event.