

NATIONAL POLLUTION DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) FAQs

What is the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4)?

- Streets
- Gutters
- Creeks
- Rivers
- Washes
- Drainage ditches

What kinds of activities are prohibited?

- Disposal of leaves, dirt and other landscape debris into the storm drain system.
- Release of pesticides, fungicides or herbicides banned by the EPA or the California Department of Pesticide Regulation.
- Disposal of hazardous wastes into trash containers (paint, antifreeze, motor oil, etc.).
- Disposing of fuel, chemicals, animal waste, garbage and other materials that have potential negative impacts on water quality.

What can you do to help?

- Properly neutralize pool water before draining.
- Do not blow or rake leaves into the street, gutter or storm drain.
- Do not over-fertilize and do not fertilize near ditches, streams or other water bodies.
- Recycle your oil and oil filters.
- Do not release antifreeze onto the ground.
- Properly maintain your car by replacing leaky hoses and oil gaskets.
- Never clean brushes or rinse paint containers into a street, gutter, or storm drain.
- Use water-based paints instead of oil-based paints whenever possible.

How can I get useful information on stormwater pollution?

Contact the City of Loma Linda Stormwater Program at (909) 799-4400 or 1 (800) CLEANUP to request information. You can also view our City links to the San Bernardino County Stormwater Program (<http://www.co.san-bernardino.ca.us/flood/npdes/index.html>) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-NPDES (<http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/>).

What can I do if I see someone dumping something into the gutter or catch basin in the City of Loma Linda?

Contact the City's Stormwater Program at (909) 799-4400 or 1 (800) CLEANUP to report illegal dumping into the facility.

Who can I call if I see something is in the gutter that shouldn't be there in the City of Loma Linda?

To report illegal dumping or discharges into the MS4, call the City's Stormwater Program immediately at (909) 799-4400.