



CITY OF SANTEE

Industrial & Commercial 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. Both industrial and commercial activities contribute to surface water pollution. Any pollutant no matter how small can have a big impact downstream.



HOW CAN I PREVENT POLLUTION?

Implement Best Management Practices (BMP's) which are practical and cost effective practices for day to day business operations which reduce, control, or prevent water pollution.

Good Housekeeping BMP's

1. Keep outdoor areas clean using dry methods (sweeping)
2. Cover and contain all outdoor work areas
3. Train employees on all required BMPs and document training
4. Implement spill cleanup plan
5. Promptly clean and properly dispose of any spills

Materials Handling BMP's

1. Keep materials indoors where feasible
2. Cover and contain any outdoor storage areas
3. Properly label all materials
4. Prevent spills

Equipment Maintenance BMP's

1. Perform work indoors where feasible
2. All work areas must be fully covered and contained
3. Routinely inspect and make repairs to prevent leaks
4. Capture and contain all leaks, spills, and/or wash water for proper disposal