CITY OF SANTEE

Pressure Washing, Outdoor Surface Washing, and Vehicle/Equipment Washing

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 and 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 our river, and ultimately the Pacific Ocean completely untreated!

WHY IS IT 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.

WHAT ARE POLUTANTS?

Common pollutants that wind up in our storm drains and waterways include:

- Soaps
- Detergents
- Oil
- Grease
- Food Waste
- Trash
- Sediment
- Pet Waste

Capture and Contain All Wash Water

Including vehicle or equipment maintenance, power washing of driveways, sidewalks, parking lots, buildings, and window washing.

HOW CAN I PREVENT POLLUTION?

Implement Best Management Practices which are practical and cost effective practices for day to day activities which reduce, control, or prevent water pollution.

⇒ Minimize water use and use dry cleaning methods whenever feasible.

⇒ If water must be used, block off any storm drains and contain all water on site.

⇒ If possible, divert runoff to a vegetated area where water can absorb into the ground.

⇒ Set up a containment area to contain all wash water onsite for disposal to the sanitary sewer. Use towels, a pump, or a 'wet-vac' to remove water.

⇒ Towel dry area to remove any residue.

⇒ Clean paved surfaces using 'dry' cleaning methods, not water (use absorbent pads, rags, mop, bucket and scrub brush, towels, etc.)