

Clean beaches, and healthy rivers, creeks, bays, and oceans are important to the City of La Verne.

- Nursery centers utilize water and fertilizer to sustain plants for sale to the public. Fertilizer runoff can have severe effects on our waterways and oceans, causing fish die offs, algal blooms and temperature increases. It is imperative that fertilizer discharge is prevented and mitigated to prevent damage to our natural resources.
- You would never dump fertilizers and trash into the ocean, so don't let it enter our storm drains. These helpful tips can show you how to prevent water pollution.

For more information,
please call the
City of La Verne
Public Works Department
At 909-596-8741
Or visit
<http://www.ci.la-verne.ca.us>

Report sewage spills and discharges that are not contained on your site to the Public Works Department.



Storm Water Pollution Prevention

Tips for Nursery Centers



Best Management Practices for Nursery Centers

Properly manage irrigation and runoff

- Utilize pulse or drip irrigation systems so the infiltration rate of the soil is not exceeded and causes soil erosion and water runoff.
- Regularly inspect irrigation systems for leaks to ensure that excessive runoff is not occurring.
- Convert paved or bare soil areas to vegetation which will decrease runoff and increase infiltration.

Storage and Disposal of Gardening Wastes

- Dispose of grass clippings, sticks, leaves and other plant material at a permitted landfill or through composting.
- Do not dispose of gardening waste into streets, waterways, or storm drains.
- Place temporarily stored gardening wastes away from watercourses and storm drains.
- Cover waste material or establish berms around stored waste material.

Proper Storage and Disposal of Chemicals

- Implement storage requirements for pesticide products with guidance from the local fire departments and County Agricultural Commissioner.
- Provide secondary containment for chemical storage.
- Establish labels for chemical storage in accordance with local, state and federal laws.



Properly Manage Pesticide and Herbicide Use

- Follow all local, state, and federal laws governing pesticide and herbicide usage, including training in the usage and application of pesticides and herbicides.
- Use pesticides only when an actual problem exists. When possible, use less toxic pesticides which perform the same function, using the minimal amount of chemicals for the job.
- Do not prepare or spray pesticides within 100 feet of any well, stream, or pond.
- Do not dispose of pesticides by washing them down drains.
- Employ techniques and training to employees to minimize the amount of off target application of pesticides or herbicides.
- Clean pavement and sidewalk if chemicals are spilled before irrigation water is applied.