

# What is storm water pollution?

Storm drains are intended to take storm water straight to the ocean to avoid area flooding. Storm water can carry contaminants such as trash, animal waste, automobile fluids, fertilizers and pesticides into the storm drains and pollutes the City of Maywood's neighborhoods and downstream waterways. The City of Maywood's urban runoff makes it all the way to the Pacific Ocean! It is the community's responsibility to protect the environment from storm water pollution!



## Additional Resources & Emergency Phone Numbers

For Emergencies & Hazardous Spills: 911

Maywood: [www.cityofmaywood.com](http://www.cityofmaywood.com)

Sheriff's Department: 323-562-5005

Public Works: 323-562-5706

Storm Water: 323-562-5721

Household Hazardous Waste:  
888-Clean-LA

UWS (Solid Waste): 800-631-7016

Los Angeles County: 888-Clean-LA  
<https://dpw.lacounty.gov/prg/stormwater/>

Regional Water Board:  
[www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/)

## Storm Water Pollution Prevention

Food Service  
Establishments



Department of Building and Planning  
4319 East Slauson Avenue, Maywood, CA 90270  
323-562-5700 | [www.cityofmaywood.com](http://www.cityofmaywood.com)





## Best Management Practices (BMPs)

### Employee Training

Establish an employee training program that includes proper implementation of these BMPs. Topics may include dry clean-up methods, proper waste and grease disposal, spill prevention, exterior cleaning procedures, and elimination of non-storm water discharges. *Ensure employees do not hose off greasy equipment outdoors in the back of your facility or in the street!*

### Spill Prevention & Clean-Up

- Ensure proper spill clean-up supplies are on hand.
- If a spill occurs, immediately stop the spill at its source.
- Keep the spill from entering the street, gutter, or storm drain.
- Use dry methods for spill cleanup (sweeping, cat litter, etc.). Don't hose down spills.

### Grease Handling & Disposal

- Never pour oil, grease, or large quantities of oily liquids such as sauces or salad dressings or waste grease down a sink, floor drain, storm drain, or into a dumpster.

### Grease Handling & Disposal (cont'd.)

- Install screens and solid traps in sink and floor drains to catch larger solids. Clean these screens and traps frequently.
- Inspect and clean all waste grease removal devices (grease trap or grease interceptor).

### Dumpster & Loading Dock Areas

- Bag and seal food waste before putting it in the dumpster. Do not place uncontained liquids or leaking containers or garbage bags into a dumpster.
- Keep dumpster lids closed to keep out rain water and to prevent trash from spilling out.
- Don't hose out dumpsters. Apply absorbent over any fluids spilled in dumpster.

### Equipment & Outdoor Cleaning

- Clean floor mats, filters, and garbage cans in a mop sink, floor drain, or proper outside area connected to the sanitary sewer with an oil and water separator.
- *Don't wash equipment in a parking lot, alley, sidewalk, or street.*
- Use dry cleaning methods only. Sweep lot regularly and pick up all litter and use absorbent materials to collect greases and oils.
- Don't use bleach or toxic detergents when washing outdoor areas.
- Do not hose down the lot or sweep loose materials into the storm drains.

*Follow these simple steps to help keep the City of Maywood, the Los Angeles River, and the Pacific Ocean clean for generations to come!*