Residential Guide #4
Trash Storage and Disposal

Storm Water Pollution Prevention
A Guide to Best Management Practices

For More Information, Please Contact:

City of Calexico
Public Works Department
608 Heber Avenue
Calexico, CA 92231
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www.calexico.ca.gov

California State Water Resources Control Board
Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Region (7)
73-720 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 100
Palm Desert, CA 92260
Phone: (760) 346-7491
www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Office of wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds (4503T)
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460
Phone: (202) 566-1300
www.epa.gov/region9/water/watershed
Trash Storage

**REQUIRED ACTIVITY:** Protect your trash storage areas to prevent overflowing or loose trash coming in contact with storm water systems.

**DESCRIPTION AND EXAMPLES:** Ensure your trash area is either: (1) paved with an impervious surface, designed not to allow run-off from adjoining areas, and screened to prevent off-site transport of trash; (2) utilize attached lids that exclude rain; and/or (3) cover area to minimize direct precipitation. Locate local trash areas downstream of drain inlets around your home. Keep this area free of trash.

**REASON ACTIVITY IS REQUIRED:** By properly storing trash, you can reduce the chances of rain water from distributing pollutants, which will reduce contaminated water and debris from entering the storm drain system.

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Trash Disposal Area

**REQUIRED ACTIVITY:** Keep your local trash disposal areas clean.

**DESCRIPTION AND EXAMPLES:** Keep your trash in dumpsters and other receptacles to prevent trash from blowing offsite. Sweep trash storage areas frequently and check dumpsters for leaks. Never place liquid waste in dumpsters as it will create runoff. If this occurs, use dry cleanup methods in trash disposal areas.

**REASON ACTIVITY IS REQUIRED:** A clean trash disposal area will prevent contact of rain water with pollutants, causing water run-off into the storm drain system.

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To report a dumpster encroaching onto a public right-of-way or overflowing call (858) 694-7000.
To report a dumpster improperly stored on private property call (619) 236-5500.
Hazardous Waste Disposal: (858) 338-2222
By adopting these practices, you can help keep our waterways clean and avoid fines.