

# 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  
Phone: (760) 768-2100  
[www.calexico.ca.gov](http://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](http://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](http://www.epa.gov/region9/water/watershed)



**Residential Guide #**  
**Wash Water and**  
**Irrigation Runoff**

**1**

# Residential:

## Wash Water

**REQUIRED ACTIVITY:** Wash your vehicles in designated areas and use practices to minimize wash water from entering the storm drain system.

**DESCRIPTION AND EXAMPLES:** Minimize water runoff when washing your vehicles (it contains pollutants such as brake dust and oil). Where feasible, drain the wash water to, or wash on, a permeable area such as a lawn or landscaping. This will minimize pollutants from entering the storm drain system. Use a control nozzle or similar method to minimize unnecessary amounts of water runoff. Other examples of helpful activities include using a car wash that recycles water, washing vehicles on your lawn (it won't kill your grass), or draining the water into your landscaping.

**REASON ACTIVITY IS REQUIRED:** Washing on pervious surfaces prevents water runoff and pollutants from potentially entering the storm drain system by keeping them onsite and allowing them to soak into the ground.

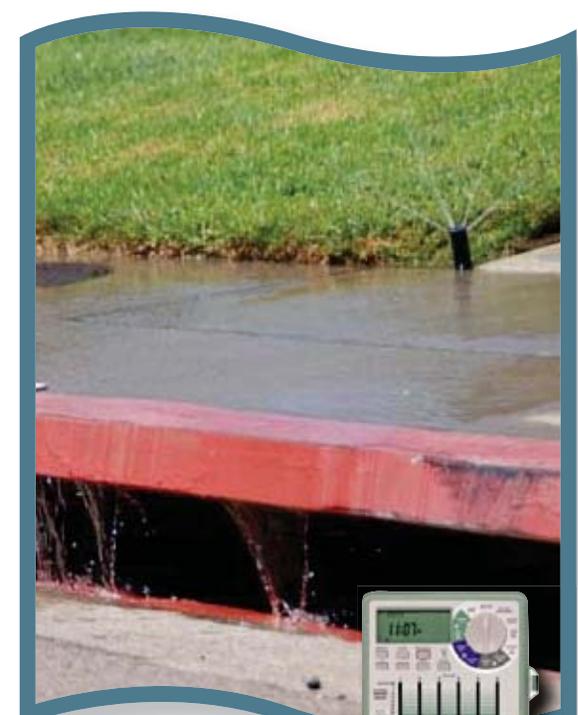


## Over Irrigation

**REQUIRED ACTIVITY:** Eliminate over irrigation runoff from entering the storm drain system.

**DESCRIPTION AND EXAMPLES:** Eliminate over irrigation runoff to the storm drain system by using proper landscape maintenance and watering practices. Some irrigation runoff may occur due to broken sprinklers, irrigation system failures, etc, so properly maintain irrigation systems by fixing broken sprinklers or other system components, control over-spray, and abide by local watering restrictions. Examples of could include: using a moisture meter, adjusting sprinkler times, or using ground cover.

**REASON ACTIVITY IS REQUIRED:** Proper landscape maintenance reduces the potential for water from over-irrigation to enter storm drain system.



If leaking or clogged storm drains are around your property call (760) 768-2100  
By adopting these practices, you can help keep our waterways clean and avoid fines