



# CITY OF OCEANSIDE clean water program

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## Loma Alta Creek Cleanup

**April 25, 2009**

**9 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

Celebrate Earth Day by participating in the 10th Annual Creek to Bay Cleanup event on April 25, 2009. The City of Oceanside, together with I Love a Clean San Diego and 1-800-GOT-JUNK, will be hosting a cleanup along the banks of Loma Alta Creek and at two sites on the Pacific Ocean.

### Choose from five sites

- Buccaneer Park at Pacific and Morse Streets (1500 South Pacific Street)
- Behind McDonald's on Oceanside Boulevard and I-5 (1701 Oceanside Boulevard)
- Mesa Drive between El Camino Real and Rancho Del Oro Drive
- Behind commercial buildings at 1629 Ord Way (Off Oceanside Boulevard between College Boulevard and Temple Heights Drive)
- South side of the Oceanside Pier

Join us while we remove unwanted materials from the creek and beach and help to improve Oceanside water quality. Volunteers will receive cleanup supplies, refreshments, community service hours, and a free T-shirt or other giveaway item. For more information call 760-435-5536 or 760-435-5807.

### Receive event notices by email

To receive event announcements by email, send your email address to [cleanwaterprogramevents@ci.oceanside.ca.us](mailto:cleanwaterprogramevents@ci.oceanside.ca.us), or log on to the events tab at [www.oceansidecleanwaterprogram.org](http://www.oceansidecleanwaterprogram.org) to register. While visiting the Web site, learn how you can protect water quality.

**Together we can prevent water pollution.**

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## Green Week: March 16 - 21, 2009

### At the Oceanside Public Library

**Learn how your family can be better stewards of the planet**

Each day during Green Week there will be fun children's activities to teach them how to be better stewards of the planet including recycling, water conservation, and preventing water pollution. Students can also participate in two contests:

- Bookmark Contest - Winning designs will be printed for distribution.
- Recycling Challenge - Classrooms compete to collect the most cans and plastic bottles during the week. The winning class earns a lunch party for their entire classroom. Details at any OUSD school.

Don't miss these fun and educational events. For more information visit [www.oceansidecleanwaterprogram.org](http://www.oceansidecleanwaterprogram.org) or call the Oceanside Library at 760-435-5590.

- Monday, March 16 - 6 p.m.: Our Blue Planet
  - Tuesday, March 17 - 6 p.m.: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
  - Wednesday, March 18 - 6 p.m.: Stories & author visit
  - Thursday, March 19 - All Day: Children Eco-crafts
  - Friday, March 20 - Bookmark Contest Deadline
  - Saturday, March 21 - 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.: The Green Fair
- Come to the downtown Civic Center Plaza and enjoy games, food, and information booths. An awards ceremony will be held for contest winners. For event fliers and contest details visit your local library or visit [www.oceansidecleanwaterprogram.org](http://www.oceansidecleanwaterprogram.org).

Green Week is sponsored by the Friends of the Oceanside Public Library, the City of Oceanside's Solid Waste and Recycling Division, and the Water Utilities Department's Water Conservation and Clean Water Programs.

## Urban Runoff Hotline - Help protect our local waterways

Please report if you see anything other than rain water entering the storm drain.

**760-435-5800** "Only Rain in the Storm Drain!"

## FREE Water Conservation Landscaping Workshops

Space is limited! Call 760-435-5800 to reserve a seat.

Did you know that 60% of our urban water is used for landscape irrigation and other outdoor purposes? In an effort to help the community conserve water outdoors, the City of Oceanside's Water Utilities Department is offering a series of free landscaping workshops to help homeowners save water (and money) while making their gardens colorful, healthy, and attractive. Homeowners will learn about efficient irrigation and landscape management. These workshops have been created specifically for landscaping in California with a focus on water conservation landscaping techniques.



### Residential Landscaping Workshop

Date: Saturday, May 23, 2009

Time: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Mira Costa College @ One Barnard Dr.  
Horticulture Building 7000  
Oceanside, CA 92056

This one-day workshop will cover:

- Garden design for homeowners
- Use of California-friendly plants
- Sprinkler system basics
- Introduction to irrigation scheduling

### Bye Bye Grass Workshop (Two-day workshop)

Dates: June 23 AND June 25, 2009

Time: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Oceanside City Hall  
Civic Center Library Community Rooms  
330 N. Coast Highway  
Oceanside, CA 92054

This two-day workshop will focus on:

- Fast, effective, and inexpensive methods to remove your lawn (day one), and
- Irrigation systems demonstration, kinds of spaces you need in your garden, and creative ideas for installing beautiful low-water-use plants (day two).

For more information call 760-435-5800 or log on to [www.ci.oceanside.ca.us](http://www.ci.oceanside.ca.us) and click on water saving opportunities. Space is limited. To reserve a seat at any of these workshops call the Water Utilities Department at 760-435-5800.

## DID YOU KNOW THAT...

### STORM DRAINS LEAD TO THE NEAREST WATERWAY

Rain water (also called storm water) that flows off buildings, walkways and streets into storm drains ultimately flows to the Pacific Ocean. Unlike water that goes to the sanitary sewer system (like your sink, shower, and toilet water), storm water is not treated or filtered before it is discharged to the ocean. Storm water runoff can pick up pollutants from yards and streets that can have harmful effects on wildlife and the recreational uses of rivers, creeks and beaches. Sometimes area beaches are posted or closed due to pollution. It is important to keep storm water runoff clean.



### WHAT CAN I DO?

- Don't dump anything down the storm drain - remember "Only Rain in the Storm Drain!"
- Pick up pet waste promptly- it transmits disease
- Place landscape clippings in curbside carts - don't sweep into streets or down storm drains
- Wait three days after rain to apply fertilizers and pesticides
- Visit [www.oceansidecleanwaterprogram.org](http://www.oceansidecleanwaterprogram.org) for more tips

## 2009 River, Creek, and Beach Cleanup Events

Please join the Clean Water Program staff and citizen volunteers to assist in removing trash and debris from our local rivers, creeks and beaches.

Event Times: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Event Details: 760-435-5536

- April 25, 2009: Loma Alta Creek Cleanup
- July 5, 2009: Morning After Mess - City Beaches
- September 19, 2009: Buena Vista Creek Cleanup and California Coastal Cleanup Day
- November 7, 2009: San Luis Rey River Cleanup

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