



CITY OF OCEANSIDE clean water program

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Loma Alta Creek Cleanup April 26, 2008 9 am - 12 pm

Celebrate Earth Day by participating in the Sixth Annual Creek to Bay Cleanup event on April 26, 2008. 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.

Volunteers can choose from five sites:

- Buccaneer Park at Pacific and Morse Streets (1500 South Pacific Street)
- Behind VONS on Oceanside Boulevard and I-5 (1737 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 free parking, refreshments, community service hours, and a free T-shirt.

For more information about cleanup events call 760-435-5536 or 760-435-5807.



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2008 River and Creek Cleanup Events

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

Event Times: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Event Details: 760-435-5536

- April 26, 2008: Loma Alta Creek Cleanup
- July 5, 2008: Morning After Mess - City Beaches
- September 20, 2008: California Coastal Cleanup Day - Buena Vista Creek Cleanup
- November 8, 2008: San Luis Rey River Cleanup

Grease Down the Drain Causes Sewer Blockages

Your help is needed!



It is very difficult to remove grease and oil from sewer pipes. The use of sewer clean-out snakes will only create a small hole through the grease that has built up on the inside of the pipe.

Remember these simple grease disposal tips:

- Never pour grease down sink drains or toilets.
- Pour grease into a non-flammable container, let harden, and place in trash.
- Wipe excess grease from pots and pans with a paper towel.
- Washing grease down the drain with warm water won't prevent clogs; grease will still harden in pipes.

Pool Water Draining Tips to protect the environment

As the summer rapidly approaches, many Oceanside residents will turn to their swimming pools to beat the heat. Pool owners are preparing to remove the old pool water that has been sitting all winter. Draining pool water to the street is a common practice but it can be detrimental to the environment.

To most people, pool water does not seem environmentally damaging. When pool water is drained into the street it picks up other pollutants and carries them down



the storm drain to the nearest creek, river, lake or to the ocean. And, if not properly treated first, pool water can contain harmful additives and chemicals.

Follow these steps for proper pool water disposal and environmental protection:

- ▶ De-chlorinate your pool before emptying:
 - Allow water to sit for a few days in the sun to naturally de-chlorinate.
 - Purchase and use a de-chlorination kit.
- ▶ Drain pool water into your landscape or sanitary sewer.
- ▶ Rinse cartridge filters or diatomaceous earth (DE) filters onto a dirt, grassy or other pervious area. With DE, simply scoop up the residue and throw it in the trash.

With your help you can enjoy your pool and still protect the environment.

Urban Runoff Hotline

Help protect our local waterways

Call the Clean Water Program Urban Runoff Hotline if you see anyone dumping anything down a storm drain or anything other than rain water entering the storm drain. Remember...



"Only Rain in the Storm Drain".

760-435-5800



DID YOU KNOW THAT...

the City of Oceanside provides each residential home with a convenient wheeled cart for collection and disposal of green waste. When placed in this container, the green waste will be composted at the local composting facility in Oceanside.

SWEEPING AND BLOWING GRASS CLIPPINGS, LEAVES AND OTHER LANDSCAPE TRIMMINGS INTO THE STREET CAUSES WATER POLLUTION

If residents sweep grass and leaves into the street the green waste can go down the storm drain and reach our local waterways. You might think, "What's wrong with that?" When the green waste starts to decompose in the water, it can cause the following problems:

- Ammonia levels increase, creating a hostile environment for the animals and creatures that use the waterways.
- If picked up by the street sweeper, the green waste goes to the landfill instead of to the composting facility.



Follow these tips to make sure your green waste is composted and doesn't go to the landfill or pollute our local waterways:

- Place only grass clippings, leaves, weeds, and other prunings out for collection.
- Prunings and branches must be tied into 4-foot sections and tied into bundles not to exceed 18 inches in diameter.
- Please do not use wire for bundles.
- Place green waste cart on the curb by 6 a.m. the same day as your regular trash collection.
- Do not place green waste in plastic bags. Green waste in plastic bags will not be collected.

For more information call the Solid Waste and Recycling Hotline at 760-435-5015.

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