

# CITY OF OCEANSIDE clean water program

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## Coastal Cleanup Day September 20, 2008 9 am - 12 pm

Celebrate California Coastal Cleanup Day by participating in the eighth annual Buena Vista Creek Cleanup and Oceanside Pier Beach Cleanup. The City of Oceanside, together with I Love a Clean San Diego, Coastkeeper, and 1-800-GOT-JUNK will be hosting a cleanup along the banks of Buena Vista Creek, as well as a beach cleanup south of Oceanside Pier on September 20th, from 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Volunteers will receive cleanup supplies, refreshments, community service hours, and a free T-shirt. Call the Clean Water Program Event Information Line for more details at 760-435-5536.

### Cleanup sites

- Behind Chicks Sporting Goods at Plaza Drive and College Boulevard (3514 College Boulevard)
- North of fire station #4 located at Thunder Drive and Lake Boulevard.
- Behind Kohl's store at College Boulevard and Marron Rd.
- South side of Oceanside Pier

Join us while we remove unwanted materials from the creek and beach and help to improve Oceanside water quality. For more information about cleanup events and how you can prevent water pollution visit our Website at [www.oceansidecleanwaterprogram.org](http://www.oceansidecleanwaterprogram.org).

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## Bacteria source tracking project on the San Luis Rey River

The shoreline at the outlet of the San Luis Rey River mouth in Oceanside, California is visited by thousands of people each year to enjoy a variety of recreational activities. However, for a number of years, elevated levels of indicator bacteria (total coliform, fecal coliform, and Enterococcus) have affected water quality in the river mouth and the adjacent shoreline. The beach has had significantly more beach postings and closures as a result of elevated bacterial levels than other beaches in the City. Public health is a priority for the City of Oceanside who is striving to improve water quality through its Clean Water Program.

To address this issue, the City of Oceanside Clean Water Program was awarded \$554,375 from the Clean Beaches Initiative (CBI) Proposition 50 grant. The objective of this study is to identify the source or sources of bacteria that are causing the high bacteria levels. The sources could be from humans, pet waste, coyotes, dogs, raccoons, birds who land at the river mouth, or other wildlife. More in-depth bacterial analysis will better determine the exact source. After the data is analyzed a list of potential activities to eliminate the input of those sources will be developed.

Water quality sampling along the river has been ongoing since 2004. Scheduled sampling for this grant will be done in June 2008, August 2008, winter 2008/09 and summer 2009. The final report for the project is scheduled for completion in January 2010 with release to the public shortly thereafter. For more information about this project, call the Clean Water Program staff at 760-435-5800.

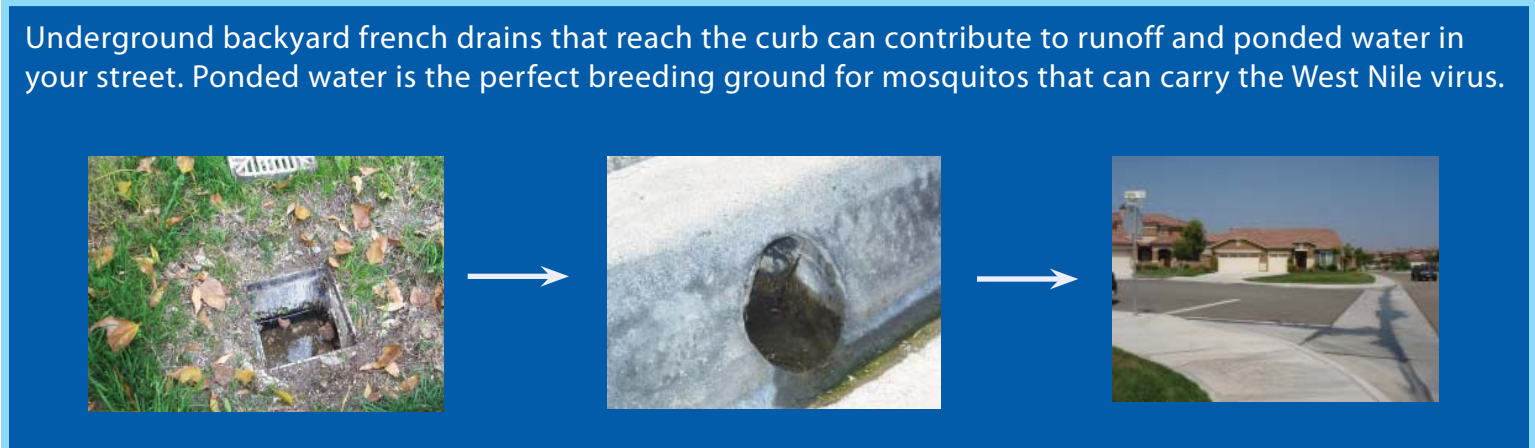


**DID YOU KNOW...**

**Over Watering**  
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**Urban Runoff**  
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**West Nile Virus**

**...ARE CONNECTED?**

Our imported water supplies have ben cut, so we need to reduce water use immediately. You can help by not over watering your yard. Eliminate one day a week from your watering schedule, or cut your watering times by two minutes. To learn other water saving tips visit [www.20gallonchallenge.com](http://www.20gallonchallenge.com).



**Tips to eliminate water runoff**

**Check your landscape for any water runoff both during the water cycle and after the cycle is complete.**

**If water runs onto the driveway, sidewalk, or street:**

- Adjust sprinklers so they spray only landscape.
- Reduce the irrigation cycle 1-3 minutes.
- Check for and repair leaks and broken sprinkler heads.
- Water after 8:00 p.m. and before 6:00 a.m.

**If water comes out of the curb drain in front of your house**

- You may be over watering or have a leak.
- Reviw the above tips and make any appropriate changes.

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**Urban Runoff Hotline**

**760-435-5800**  
Call the Urban Runoff Hotline if you see water runoff in in your street or anything other than rainwater going down the storm drain.