



STORMWATER

Pollution Prevention Program

Storm Water Protection Program Power-Washing Disposal Requirements and Prohibitions

Proper disposal of pressure washing wastewater, in compliance with environmental regulations, is the responsibility of the generator, business owner, and property owner to determine the proper collection and disposal method for wastewater created by pressure washing. Before starting any job, review the following requirements and restrictions.

Storm Drains

Discharging pressure washing wastewater, into any natural body of water or any storm drain system such as storm drains, ditches, channels, gutters and the street is strictly prohibited by Federal, State, and local laws.

Exceptions to this prohibition must be approved in writing by the local storm water jurisdiction.

Evaporation

Pressure washing wastewater that contains pollutants such as visible debris, residue, soap, detergent, cleaning agents, or hazardous waste, may not be left on paved surfaces to evaporate, because these residues will eventually be discharged during the next rainfall.

Land Disposal

Wastewater disposal to the land must not create a nuisance condition, flow into the storm drain, reach the shallow groundwater aquifer, or contaminate soil with pollutants (e.g., oils, grease, paints, paint removers, and some petroleum-based cleaning agents).

Wastewater containing garbage, food wastes, or visible trash may not be discharged to land.

Any wastewater disposal to land must have the approval of the property owner.

Sanitary Sewer

Disposal of pressure washing wastewater to the sanitary sewer must meet the requirements of the Metropolitan Wastewater District (619.654.4100). Call to find out if additional requirements may apply.

Planning

Avoid using cleaning products that contain hazardous substances, or are acidic or caustic.

Obtain any necessary authorizations - especially the property owner's permission to dispose wastewater onto their property.

Locate a convenient place to berm and collect the wastewater within the property boundary.

Identify the locations of the storm drains. Protect or cover the storm drain if necessary.

For questions or more information, please contact the City of El Cajon - Department of Public Works at (619) 441-1653.