

COMMERCIAL LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE

Follow these best management practices to prevent pollution and avoid fines and legal action.

Yard waste:

- Recycle leaves, grass clippings and other yard waste, instead of blowing, sweeping or hosing them into the street or gutter.
- Let grass clippings drop on the lawn, instead of using a grass catcher. The clippings act as a natural fertilizer, returning nutrients and organic matter back to the soil, and because grass is mostly water, it also irrigates lawns, conserving water. Reducing the need to water as often or use toxic fertilizers means less contaminated runoff.



Erosion prevention:

- Prevent erosion and sediment runoff by using berms and vegetation down-slope to capture runoff.
- Cover exposed piles or bags of soil, groundcover and other materials with plastic sheeting to prevent it from blowing or washing into the storm drain system.

Pesticides and fertilizers:

- Spot apply pesticides, rather than blanketing entire areas.
- Ask you customers if they prefer nontoxic alternatives to traditional pesticides and fertilizers.
- Do not put pesticides or fertilizers in the trash. Dispose of hazardous materials through a hazardous waste hauler or take them to a household hazardous waste collection site to be recycled.

Wise water use:

- Control the amount of water and direction of sprinklers, to avoid waste and runoff.
- Periodically inspect and fix leaks and misdirected sprinklers.

For more information, see the brochure, [Responsible Pest Control](#), or call the County of Orange Stormwater Section at 714-955-0600 OR GO TO www.ocwatersheds.com.

- [Municipal Water District of Orange County](#)
 - <http://www.mwdoc.com/>
- [Orange County Sanitation District](#)
 - <https://www.ocsd.com/>
- [Orange County Marine Institute](#)
 - <http://www.ocean-institute.org/>

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