



**CITY OF GROVER BEACH  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

## **Stormwater Best Management Practices**

### *Swimming Pool Jacuzzi and Fountain Maintenance*



**805-473-4530**

## **Spill Control**

- ◆ Be prepared for spills. Clean up spills using absorbent materials and then dispose of all waste properly.

### **Disposal of Chemical Containers**

- ◆ Chemical containers that still have product in them cannot go into your regular trash. They are hazardous waste and must be disposed of properly.
- ◆ Empty chemical containers must be rinsed prior to disposal. The rinse water should be used in your pool, spa, fountain just the same as the original chemical. It cannot go down the drain.

Recycling & Hazardous Waste Disposal:

**Integrated Waste  
Management Authority  
(805) 782-8530**

To Report a Spill, Illegal Dumping or a Clogged Storm Drain, Please Call:

**City of Grover Beach  
Public Works Department  
(805) 473-4530**

### **Safe Environmental Habits and Procedures for:**

- ◆ Homeowners
- ◆ Landscapers
- ◆ Swimming Pool/Spa Service Workers
- ◆ Gardeners
- ◆ Contractors
- ◆ Home Builders

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# Water Pollution Prevention

Only “stormwater” is allowed in our storm drain system. This pamphlet tells you how to prevent waterway pollution from “stormwater” or “urban runoff.”

Rain, industrial and household water mixed with urban pollutants creates stormwater pollution. The pollutants include: oil and other automotive fluids, paint and construction debris, yard and pet wastes, pesticides and litter.

Urban runoff pollution flows through the storm drain to Meadow Creek that takes water and debris straight from Grover Beach streets to the Ocean. Each day, polluted urban runoff enters our creek untreated, leaving toxic chemicals and trash to be carried downstream.

Urban runoff pollution contaminates our creek and ocean, harms aquatic life and increases the risk of flooding by clogging gutters and catch basins.

Utilizing Best Management Practices (BMPs) will ensure cleaner receiving waters and a cleaner City.

**Train all employees during their new employee orientation on Stormwater BMP's. Reinforce training on a regular basis for all employees. Educate your customers on Stormwater BMP's.**

## Swimming Pool, Jacuzzi and Fountain Maintenance BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMP's)

### Potential Pollutant Sources

- ◆ Chlorine
- ◆ Copper
  - ◆ *Copper is a powerful herbicide and poses a serious threat to our river and waterways. If possible, do not use copper based algae-cides.*
- ◆ Algaecides
- ◆ Colored Dye
  - ◆ *Additives that change water color, such as aqua blue dyes used in fountains, can be harmful to our public waterways. Dyes alter water temperature, filter out sunlight and prevent normal healthy algae growth in the rivers and oceans.*
- ◆ Pesticides
- ◆ Herbicides
- ◆ Buffers
- ◆ Chemicals / Salts
- ◆ Diatomaceous Earth
- ◆ Cleaning Filters
- ◆ Backwashing
- ◆ Pool Draining
- ◆ Chemical Etching / Resurfacing
- ◆ Cleaners



### Cleaning Filters

- ◆ All residential pool water discharged from a waste line must flow through a backwash separation tank or sediment trap, before it discharges into the sewer line. It is very important to filter sand and dirt particles from the water because they do not dissolve and can clog the sewer lines.
- ◆ Filters should be cleaned and rinsed over a vegetated area or all rinse water should be captured and filtered to remove any solids prior to being discharged into the sewer system.
- ◆ Dispose of all captured solids as trash.

### Swimming Pool, Jacuzzi and Fountain Draining

- ◆ You may never drain your pool water into the street or storm drain system, even if the water is dechlorinated.
- ◆ Pool, Jacuzzi and Fountain water, if allowed into the storm drain system; can carry urban runoff with it. Urban runoff is one of the largest contributors to pollution in our storm drain system.
- ◆ Always drain your residential pool water into a sewer line. For convenience, use the sewer clean out connection in your yard.
- ◆ You can also access the sewer system drain in your toilet, bathtub or sink inside your home. Be cautious that you do not flood your home if you use this option.
- ◆ If you are unable to locate the sewer clean out, you can drain your pool water into a vegetated area, but be advised that chemicals may be very harmful to your landscaping.

### Material Storage and Handling

- ◆ Store chemicals in a clean, dry and covered area.
- ◆ If landscaping materials are left outside, cover with a tarp or plastic sheeting to protect from urban runoff.