

Outside Your Home

Best Management Practices

STOCKTON
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STORM



WATER
PROGRAM



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General Practices

- Direct runoff from gutters, basements, and other sources onto grass and gravel to slow the velocity of water running into the storm system and naturally filter the water.
- Increase the amount of permeable surfaces around your home. Use wooden decking, bricks, or stones for driveways, walkways, and other outdoor areas, instead of solid paving.
- To eliminate the need for chemical control of termites, pile wood away from the house.
- Do not build, pave, park, or drive over a septic system's drainage field. Plant trees and shrubs away from drain tiles.



Disposal Practices

- Do not pour solvents, toxic chemicals or grease down the drain. They can inhibit the system's ability to break down waste. Instead, take them to the San Joaquin County Hazardous Waste Facility located near the Stockton Airport 7850 R. A. Bridgeford Street.
- Have septic tanks inspected every year and pumped out every 3-5 years.
- Do not use septic system cleaning products which contain methylene chloride or 1,1,1-trichloroethane.

- Never discharge pool or spa water to a storm drain. Chlorinated water is toxic to wildlife in ponds, rivers or streams. It must be disposed of through the sanitary sewer system. If unable to locate cleanout, contact the City's Service Center at (209) 937-8341 for assistance.
- Do not dispose of pet waste in the storm drain. Pick up after pets and dispose of wastes in the garbage.

