

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

San Joaquin County Household
Hazardous Waste
(209) 468-3066

San Joaquin County Solid Waste
Division
(209) 468-3066



To Report a Clogged Storm Drain

City of Escalon
Public Works Department
(209) 691-7470

To Report a Spill or Illegal Dumping

City of Escalon
Stormwater Pollution Hotline
(209) 691-7495

This is one in a series of pamphlets describing storm drain protection measures. Other pamphlets include:

Automotive Maintenance & Car Care
Equipment Rentals
Food Service Industry
Fresh Concrete & Mortar Application
General Construction & Site Supervision
Heavy Equipment and Earthmoving Activities
Home Repair & Remodeling
Horse Owners and Equine Industry
Kennels
Landscaping, Gardening & Pest Control
Mobile Washers and Cleaners
Nurseries
Painting
Roadwork and Paving
Swimming Pool, Jacuzzi & Fountain Maintenance

For more information about storm drain protection or additional pamphlets, call:



www.cityofescalon.org

(209) 691-7400
Development Services Department
City of Escalon

Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs)



Swimming Pool, Jacuzzi and Fountain Maintenance

Safe Environmental Habits and Procedures for:

Homeowners

Landscapers

Swimming Pool / Spa service workers

Gardeners

Homebuilders

Contractors



**Development Services
Department**

Water Pollution Prevention It's Up to Us!



Storm drains are intended for rain water to drain rain water away from our streets and to prevent flooding.

Escalon has two drainage systems, the sewers and the storm drains.

Because the system contains no filters, it now serves the *unintended purpose* of carrying urban pollution straight to our rivers and eventually the ocean.

This pamphlet tells you how to prevent pollution from urban runoff. Rain along with water from households (such as watering your landscaping), mixes with urban pollutants that include oil, paint, pet wastes, pesticides, litter and other automotive fluids to become polluted Urban runoff.

Urban runoff pollution flows to our rivers through the storm drain system – gutters, inlets, retention basins, pipelines, pumping facilities – that take water and debris straight from Escalon streets to our rivers and waterways.

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

Remember: **ONLY RAIN DOWN THE DRAIN**



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 algacides.
- Algacides
- 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

- Per Escalon regulations, EMC 13.15.035, you may drain your pool water into the street or storm drain system, only 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.
- It is preferable to drain your residential pool water into a sewer line. For convenience, use the sewer clean out connection in your yard, generally located near a hose bib, close to the house.
- 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.