Landscape Contractor / Nursery Clean Water Business Partner Pledge

Type of business: ☐ Installation Contractor ☐ Maintenance Contractor ☐ Nursery

Number of Employees: _____ Years of Business: _____

Name of Business: _____

Business Address: _____

Business Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Business Website Address: _____

As a City of Chico and Butte County Clean Water Business Partner (CWBP), I pledge to meet these Best Management Practice (BMP) standards to protect local waterways from runoff pollution:

1. Reduce the amount of pollutants and chemicals that enter the storm drain system.
2. Educate customers about how they can help to reduce runoff pollution.
3. Install and set irrigation systems to reduce excess irrigation.
4. Maintain landscapes so that soil erosion is limited.

Tips on how to meet above listed BMPs:

- Protect stockpiles and materials from wind and rain by storing under tarps or secured plastic.
- Schedule grading and excavation projects for dry weather.
- Prevent erosion by planting fast-growing annual and perennial grasses.
- Do not over water.
- In communities with curbside waste recycling, place clippings and pruning waste in approved containers for pickup. Or, take clippings to the City of Chico Compost Facility, located at 4441 Cohasset Road, Tue-Sat 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Do not blow or rake leaves into the street, gutter or storm drains where curbside leaf pickup programs do not exist. The City of Chico's curbside leaf pickup program allows for leaves to be placed in the street, but not in the gutter or storm drains.
- Use organic or non-toxic fertilizers. Do not over-fertilize, and do not fertilize near ditches, streams, or other water bodies.
- Store pesticides, fertilizers, and other chemicals in a covered area to prevent runoff.
- Use pesticide alternatives instead of chemicals. This will provide a long-term solution that is better than the chemical "quick-fix". Alternatives include: Integrated Pest Management (IPM) strategy - caulk holes, create barriers and traps, introduce predatory insects (e.g. green lacewings, praying mantis, lady bugs, and even bacterial insecticides), use the least toxic products available as a last resort (e.g. silica gel, insecticidal soaps, boric acid powder, horticultural soils, pyrethrin-based insecticides)

Clean Water Business Partners receive free advertising in an annual Cal Water insert mailer, and a listing online at www.keepchicoclean.org The Clean Water Business Partner logo, dated annually, will be provided to each CWBP for their business advertising/ promotional use. *Clean Water Business Partners are required to re-new their pledge annually.*

By signing this form you agree that the information you provide is true and correct, and that you are pledging to meet the above listed standards.

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Signature Date

The Clean Water Business Partnership Program is funded by the City of Chico.