WHAT IS URBAN RUNOFF?

URBAN RUNOFF can be harmful, and even lethal to our creeks. Water in our gutters drains to our creeks and groundwater. For example, whenever cars are being washed, and when driveways and sidewalks are hosed down, fertilizers, pesticides, litter, and pet waste, go into the creek as urban runoff.

Support our Community... Help Keep Chico’s Creeks Clean!

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Tips on how to reduce pollutants that enter the storm drain system to meet BMP standards:
• Use mops, brooms or wire brushes to clean sidewalks, buildings, equipment, pavement, driveways and other impervious surfaces before washing.
• Do not dipose of excess slurry or wastewater to the storm drain system.
• Confine cleaning of equipment to designated area where rinse water can be contained.
• Divert slurry to collection area.
• Place signage near concrete washout facilities to inform operators.
• Allow slurry to dry and dispose of properly.
• Reuse materials and water whenever possible.
• Vacuum-up cutting liquid and dispose of properly.
• Keep stock piles clear of drainage systems, covered and off the ground; berm around piles prior to rain.

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Red legged frog. Aerosol art on bridge support, Lindo Channel.

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