



Many species of wildlife depend on your cooperation to help keep our creeks clean!



# Pressure Washer Business Partners

## 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.

Butte County Public Works Department  
Solid Waste and Recycling Division  
[www.recyclebutte.net](http://www.recyclebutte.net)



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

The Storm Water Management Education and Outreach Program is funded by the City of Chico

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Seasonal falls into Big Chico Creek  
Upper Bidwell Park.

Join us and help keep our creeks clean!

## Pressure Washer Best Management Practices (BMPs)

1. Reduce or eliminate 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. Contain wastewater properly.
4. Dispose of wastewater properly.
5. Use a dry clean up method instead of a hose/pressure washing system whenever possible.
6. Keep site free of litter and debris.

## Tips on how to reduce pollutants that enter the storm drain system to meet BMPs standards:

- Use mops, brooms or wire brushes to clean sidewalks, buildings, equipment, pavement, driveways and other impervious surfaces before washing.
- Minimize the use of cleaning solutions and agents, and contain runoff.
- Treat remaining wastewater.
- Divert wastewater to landscaped areas whenever possible.
- Dispose of wastewater properly, never in the storm drain or gutter.



## Clean Water Business Partners

Receive recognition and advertising as businesses that care about Chico's water quality. Clean Water Business Partners commit to implementing Best Management Practices and educating customers.

## To become a Clean Water Business Partner contact:

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