

Wastewater Discharges Prohibited -

As required by Federal and State regulations, all local storm water ordinances prohibit the discharge of wastewater from pressure washing/surface cleaning to the storm drain system (including storm drains, roadside ditches, gutters, streets, sidewalks, drainage channels, swales, creeks and streams), or any natural or surface waters.

STORM DRAINS FLOW TO OUR CREEKS AND RIVERS

The storm drain system:

Is the outdoor network of drains, pipes, swales, ditches, channels, creeks and streams that carries storm water from urban areas directly to local creeks and rivers.

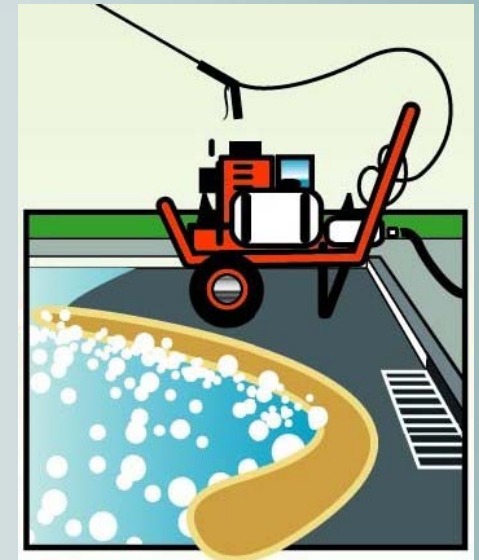
It includes paved surfaces such as streets, sidewalks, and gutters,

Is NOT treated in any way to remove pollutants.



City of Chico
Storm Water Management
Education and Outreach

Pressure Washer and Mobile Cleaning



Best Management Practices



Stormwater is not treated before it enters Chico's creeks and waterways, so protecting storm drains before you begin washing activities is a critical step.

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

Best Management Practices

(BMPs) are practices that eliminate, reduce, or treat pollutant discharges or potential exposures that would otherwise adversely impact storm-water quality.

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.
- 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.

Mobile Cleaning 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.

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, as well as educating customers about these practices.



To become a Clean Water Business Partner please contact:

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