



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



The Storm Water Management
Education and Outreach
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City of Chico

www.keepchicoclean.org



What's in Your Gutter?





Things You Can Do to Prevent Runoff Pollution of our Creeks

Never pour anything into a storm drain or gutter.

Recycle used oil.

Limit the amount of fertilizer you use on your lawn or garden.

Don't fertilize when rain is forecast. Use chemical pesticides only if you have a major pest problem, and never in wet weather.

Pick up after your pet.

Don't litter. Cigarette butts and trash from the streets are washed into our gutters, which drain to our creeks.

Choose a Clean Water Business Partner to clean your carpets, landscape your yard, and change your motor oil.

Keep Chico Clean is a cooperative effort of the City of Chico and the Butte County Department of Public Works.



You can make a difference!

Even the most careful, conscientious person can create pollution. We do it when we drive our cars, and clean our homes.

As responsible members of our community we know that it is up to us to do everything we can to protect the environment for future generations.

Volunteer to protect our creeks and streams. Contact Big Chico Creek Watershed Alliance visit www.bigchicocreek.org
Contact the Citizen Monitoring Program at (530)342-2260 or thamill@bigchicocreek.org



Storm Drain Gang



If it isn't rainwater, it doesn't belong in the gutter.

To become a Clean Water Business Partner, contact:

City of Chico
Storm Water Management Program
Richard Burgi, Associate Civil Engineer
(530) 879-6950
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Call the Creek Watch Hot Line if you see anyone dumping anything into our creeks, streams, gutters or storm drains. (530) 891-6459



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