

TULARE CLEAN STORM WATER PROGRAM

Water is the most vital resource in the Valley. If you think about it, water has an effect on everything we do in our day-to-day lives. From keeping our lawns green, to washing our dishes, we depend on water. Water plays an important role throughout our community.



FOR AGRICULTURE...

Water is delivered through a network of canals that is managed by individual water districts. Water from rivers flows through our community — providing water for food that feeds a nation.



FOR INDUSTRY...

Businesses in our community depend on clean water for food processing, manufacturing, health care and other related industries. A clean and reliable water source is necessary to support a healthy economy.



FOR HOME...

Every day we need clean water for drinking and bathing. Our communities depend on water that is supplied primarily from groundwater. Protecting groundwater is essential to protecting public health.



FOR WILDLIFE...

Our urban environment needs clean water in streams, lakes and ponds to provide nesting habitats for birds and other wildlife.

TULARE COUNTY CLEAN SURFACE WATER PROGRAM CONTACTS

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County of Tulare Resource Management Agency

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Visalia, CA 93277
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City of Woodlake Public Works

350 N. Valencia Ave.
Woodlake, CA 93286
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City of Porterville Field Services Division

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Porterville, CA 93257
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Visalia, CA 93291
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Cities of Farmersville and Exeter Quad-Knopf Engineering

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City of Dinuba Public Works

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PROTECT YOUR WATER...

IT'S JUST BELOW YOUR FEET



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WHERE DOES THE SURFACE WATER GO?

Rain and excess water from your home flows right to surface drains. This water flows down streets, through gutters, into pipes, to ponding basins, canals, creeks and rivers.

In these basins and waterways, runoff seeps through the soil and into groundwater — our drinking water supply. That's why it's important to keep surface drains and runoff clean.

LOOSE LITTER

Litter hurts our community. It contaminates our water resources and clogs surface drains — causing floods in our neighborhoods. Be sure to properly dispose of garbage, pet waste and cigarette butts! For more information on litter control go to www.dontrashcalifornia.info or www.waterboard.ca.gov.



HOME AND GARDEN

Maintaining our homes and gardens is necessary, but overusing chemicals is not. Buy household and garden products only in the amount needed and read and follow the label directions. Better yet, use alternative products. Avoid using lawn and garden products when rain is in the forecast!



HOW CAN YOU HELP

We're all responsible for keeping our water clean — for the future of the Valley, our communities and our children. And it starts at home.

By doing a few simple things, you can help protect the water beneath our feet. Look below to find out what you can do.



- Bag, seal and throw away pet waste — it keeps runoff and street clean.
- Put litter in trash cans. It keeps our surface drains and community clean.
- Carpooling reduces air pollution, and also helps reduce water pollution.
- Set sprinkler timers to reduce contamination of runoff water from pesticides and fertilizer and help maintain a clean water supply. Use a shutoff nozzle to avoid unnecessary runoff.
- Recycle waste to keep litter off our streets and ease the strain on our landfills.
- Instead of hosing, sweep driveways and sidewalks. This prevents surface water pollution and conserves water.



Take unused paint, pesticides, fertilizers and other hazardous items to a Household Hazardous Waste drop-off center. For information, call 624-7400.

HOW DOES SURFACE WATER BECOME POLLUTED?

When it rains, surface water flows across driveways, streets and lawns. As it flows, it can pick up pollutants such as oil, pesticides, cigarette butts and trash. This runoff carries these pollutants through the surface drain system, which then affects wildlife habitats, outdoor recreation and our water supply.

Even when it's not raining, water from sprinklers, car washing, pool draining and other sources can carry pollutants into the surface drain system.



- Rain gathers oil and other toxic fluids from leaky cars.
- Runoff collects litter and yard wastes.
- Overusing pesticides means money and pollutants down the drain. (The surface drain, that is!)
- Overwatering increases runoff that can carry fertilizers and pesticides into the surface drain system.
- Rain turns air pollution into surface water pollution.
- Runoff picks up detergent and grime from car washing.

