Only Rain Down the Drain

Storm drains are designed to carry only rainwater. They flow directly to creeks and rivers and into Monterey Bay • without any type of treatment. Pesticides, herbicides, fertilizer. pet waste and detergents are pollutants commonly found in runoff from homes. Even if polluted runoff evaporates, the problem isn't gone. Pollutants remain on the pavement and are picked up in storm water the next time it rains. Polluted runoff poisons fish and other wildlife, and it degrades our beaches and ocean. These tips will help you reduce pollution from your home activities and protect our environment.

Small changes can make a







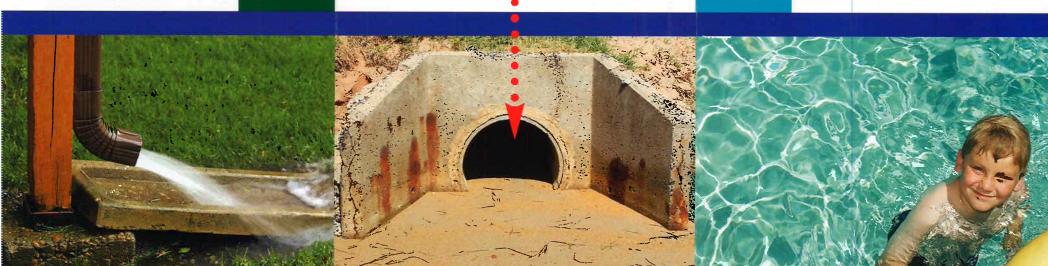
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Utilities Customer Service City of Watsonville

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Garden and Landscaping

To learn more about pesticide alternatives, go to Ctop using pesticides and herbicides if possible. Try using "natural" alternatives first.

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- at 831-454-2606. County's Household Hazardous Waste Program For information on proper disposal call the into the street, storm drain or down the sink. hazardous waste. Never dump leftover poisons Dispose of pesticides only as a household
- a local native plant nursery for suggestions. water and less pesticides or herbicides. Contact will generally grow better and require less Try planting native species in your yard. They
- pollution prevention tips. your yard, make sure that they follow these If you hire someone to landscape or maintain
- Pool & Spa Maintenance Pick up pet waste and dispose in the garbage.

• Do not mix or prepare pesticides or herbicides

before it rains. Rain washes pesticides directly

herbicides, and carefully follow the instructions

• Do not buy large containers of pesticides unless

Use pesticides and herbicides only if there is an

actual problem-not as a preventative measure.

Be careful not to apply pesticides or herbicides

• Apply the minimum amount of pesticides or

they will be completely used up.

near a storm drain.

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'sewer clean-out" on your property. For tips on how to locate your sewer clean-out, see A areas, discharge swimming pool and spa water into the sanitary sewer, preferably via a ever discharge swimming pool or spa water to the street, gutter, or storm drain. In urban

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run into the street or storm drain. chlorine has dissipated, and the water does not storm drains, grass or gravel—never in the street or near drained to landscaping or lawns as long as the Clean pool or spa filters in the sink, or over • Swimming pool and spa water may be slowly