

# COMMERCIAL LANDSCAPING POLLUTION PREVENTION STORMWATER BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Stormwater pollution occurs when runoff washes away loose sediment, chemicals, trash, pet waste, oil and grease or other possible pollutants produced at your business. The polluted runoff ends up in storm sewers, desert washes, or catchment basins, which can seep underground and adversely affect the groundwater El Mirage utilizes for drinking water.

***Never allow non-stormwater discharges to enter a storm drain or street.***

Stormwater pollution prevention is good business! It means clean water, clean neighborhoods and it shows your customers that you care

**Landscape Maintenance activities include vegetation removal herbicide and insecticide application; fertilizer application; watering and other gardening and lawn care practices.**

**All of these activities have the potential to contribute pollutants to the storm drainage system.**

**The objective is to minimize the discharge of pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers to the storm drainage system. Dispose of all landscape debris to prevent blockage in storm drains.**

## WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PREVENT POLLUTION

- ◆ Implement an integrated pest management (IMP) program
- ◆ Choose low water use flowers, trees, shrubs and groundcover
- ◆ Consider using bagging equipment to avoid landscape waste entering storm drains
- ◆ Follow all federal, state and local laws and regulations for the use, storage and disposal of fertilizers and pesticides
- ◆ Have a spill prevention, control and clean up plan
- ◆ Insure that all employees have access and are familiar with the most recent safety data sheets (SDS)

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