

# Storm Drains are for Rain...

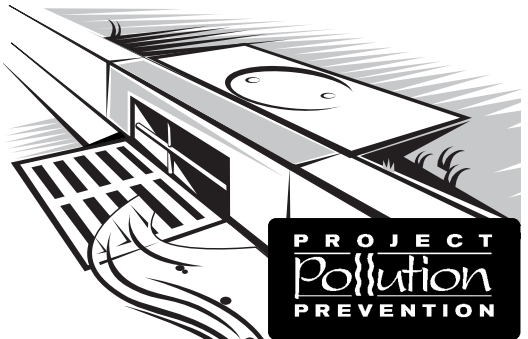
More than 150,000  
times each month,



lawns and gardens throughout LA  
County are sprayed with  
pesticides. Overwatering or rain  
causes pesticides on leaves and  
grass to flow into the storm drain and  
to the ocean — untreated.

Please use pesticides wisely, not before  
a rain, and water carefully.

**...not pesticides.**



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# Pesticide Tips:

You can keep your lawn and garden green and at the same time solve the pollution problem by taking these easy steps...

- Never dispose of lawn or garden chemicals in storm drains. This is called illegal dumping. Take them to a household hazardous waste roundup. Call 1-888-CLEAN-LA to locate a roundup or collection facility near you.
- More is not better. Use pesticides sparingly. "Spot" apply, rather than "blanket" apply.
- Read labels! Use only as directed.
- Use non-toxic products for your garden and lawn whenever possible.
- If you must store pesticides, make sure they are in a sealed, water-proof container that cannot leak.
- When watering your lawn, use the least amount of water possible so it doesn't run into the street and carry pesticide chemicals with it. Don't use pesticides before a rain storm. You will not only lose the pesticide, but also will be harming the environment.

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