

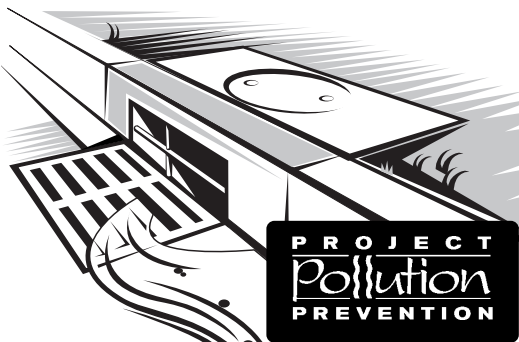
Storm Drains are for Rain...

More than 195,000
times each month,

L.A. County residents wash their dirty
paint brushes under an outdoor faucet.
Chances are, this dirty rinse water flows
into the street, down the storm drain and
to the ocean, untreated.

Wash water-based paint brushes in the
sink and take old paint and paint-related
products to household hazardous waste
roundups.

...not paint.



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Painting Tips:

All paints and solvents contain toxic chemicals that can be dangerous to people and harmful to the environment. Please handle these products carefully by taking these easy steps.

- Never dispose of paint or paint-related products in the gutters or storm drains. This is called illegal dumping. Take them to a household hazardous waste roundup. Call 1-888-CLEAN-LA to locate a roundup near you.
- Buy only what you need. Reuse leftover paint for touch-ups or donate it to a local graffiti paint-out program. Recycle or use up excess paint.
- Clean water-based paint brushes in the sink.
- Oil-based paints should be cleaned with thinner that can be reused. Set the used thinner aside in a closed jar to settle-out paint particles.
- Store paints and paint-related products inside rigid, durable and watertight containers with tight fitting covers.



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