

# Don't Paint the Town Red!

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Storm drains are for rain...  
**they're not for paint disposal.**

More than **197,000** times each month, L.A. County residents wash their dirty paint brushes under an outdoor faucet.

This dirty rinse water flows into the street, down the storm drain and straight to the ocean — **untreated.**

**Remember to clean water-based paint brushes in the sink, rinse oil-based paint brushes with paint thinner, and take old paint and paint-related products to a Household Hazardous Waste/E-Waste collection event.**

**1 (888) CLEAN LA**  
[www.888CleanLA.com](http://www.888CleanLA.com)



## Tips for Paint Clean-Up:

L.A. County residents can help solve the stormwater pollution problem by taking these easy steps when working with paint and paint-related products...

- 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/E-Waste collection event. Call 1 (888) CLEAN LA or visit [www.888CleanLA.com](http://www.888CleanLA.com) to locate an event near you.
- Buy only what you need. Reuse leftover paint for touch-ups or donate it to a local graffiti abatement program. Recycle or use excess paint.
- Clean water-based paint brushes in the sink.
- Oil-based paints should be cleaned with paint thinner. Filter and reuse paint thinner. Set the used thinner aside in a closed jar to settle-out paint particles.
- Store paints and paint-related products in rigid, durable and watertight containers with tight-fitting covers.

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