

# A Yard is a Terrible Thing to Waste!

Storm drains are for rain...**not yard waste.**

Residential yard waste represents about **13 percent** of the total waste generated in L.A. County.

Pesticides, fertilizer and yard waste such as leaves and mowed grass wash from the ground and streets into storm drains and flow straight to the ocean — **untreated.**

**Remember to use pesticides and fertilizer wisely and pick-up yard waste.**



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## Tips For Yard Care:

L.A. County residents can help solve the stormwater pollution problem by taking these easy steps...

- Do not over-fertilize and do not use fertilizer or pesticides near ditches, gutters or storm drains.
- Do not use fertilizer or pesticides before a rain.
- Follow the directions on the label carefully.
- Use pesticides sparingly — more is not better. “Spot” apply, rather than “blanket” apply.
- When watering your lawn, use the least amount of water possible so it doesn't run into the street carrying pesticides and other chemicals with it.
- Use non-toxic products for your garden and lawn whenever possible.
- If you must store pesticides or fertilizer, make sure they are in a sealed, water-proof container in a covered area to prevent runoff.
- Do not blow, sweep, hose or rake leaves or other yard trimmings into the street, gutter or storm drain.



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