



How you can help...



These are some things that should not be discharged to or placed in a stormwater system:

- Leaves or grass clippings
- Wash water with detergents
- Fertilizers, herbicides, or pesticides
- Paints, oils, or solvents
- Sediment or debris

If you suspect a discharge or spill is hazardous, call **911!**

For all other discharges, spills and illegal dumping, do one of the following:

Call the City of Los Banos
Public Works Department

(209)827-7056

or

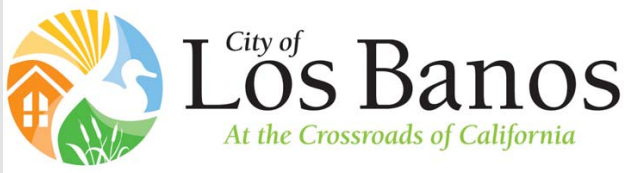
Merced County

Environmental Health Division

(209)381-1100



What you can do to help keep our waters clean!



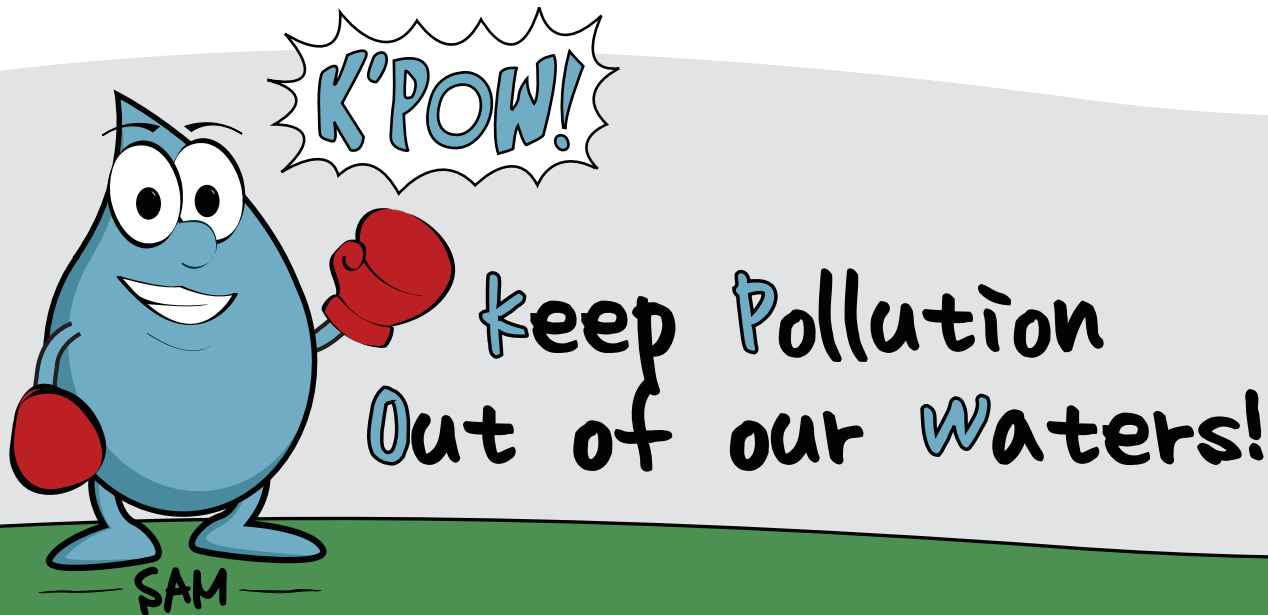
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Reporting Illegal Dumping
and
Illicit Discharges

Did you know...

Stormwater is the excess rainfall that isn't absorbed into the ground and runs off to nearby lakes, canals, the Intracoastal Waterway, and the ocean. Along the way, it can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt and other pollutants and carry them into our surface waters. Much of this stormwater receives little or NO treatment! That means that what goes in, comes out, in to the waters we use for fishing, boating and swimming.

Intentional dumping and discharging into stormwater systems, as well as accidental spills that could enter the system should be reported immediately so remedial action can be taken by the proper response team.



Why it Matters

- **Debris** can be harmful to wildlife
- **Nutrients** (from leaves, grass, fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides) can lead to fish kills and excessive amounts of algae in the water
- **Bacteria** (from pet waste and dead animals) can produce health concerns
- **Sediment** can reduce the system's ability to handle potential flooding and adversely affect aquatic organisms
- **Chemicals, oils, and paints** can be toxic to plants and animals

