

The City of Covina's stormwater pollution prevention program is governed by various federal, state and local laws and regulations.

The Clean Water Act of 1987 established requirements for storm water discharges under the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program. The goals of the permit include protecting the beneficial uses of the water bodies and reducing stormwater pollution.

Polluted stormwater degrades our creeks and ocean. Sediments cloud the water, nutrients promote the growth of algae and toxic chemicals from pesticides or leaking cars all threaten the health of fish and other aquatic life. Bacteria and parasites from pet waste and leaking septic tanks can make our ocean unsafe for swimming and surfing.

The City of Covina is currently covered or impacted by the following NPDES permits (click each to view corresponding permit):

[Order No. R4-2012-0175 NPDES Permit No. CAS004001 Waste Discharge Requirements for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System \(MS4\) discharges within the Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles County, Except Those Discharges Originating from the City of Long Beach MS4](#) .

[Order No. 97-03-DWQ: NPDES General Permit No. CAS000001, Waste Discharge Requirements \(WDRS\) for Discharges of Storm Water Associated with Industrial Activities, Excluding Construction Activities](#) .

[Order No. 2009-0009-DWQ \(As amended by 2010-0014-DWQ and 2012-006-DWQ\): NPDES General Permit No. CAS000002 for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction and Land Disturbance Activities.](#)

The NPDES Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit regulates municipal discharges of storm water and non-storm water from the Permittees' MS4s. mandates that the

City implement specified stormwater management programs to address the challenges of preventing stormwater pollution. Under this permit, the City is held accountable for water quality in our waterways.

Environmental Services staff work to protect and restore the physical, chemical and biotic integrity of surface water through the promotion of ecologically sound land use practices, reduction and elimination of storm water impacts, the assurance of a high performance level from current and future storm water control systems, and education and outreach opportunities to foster healthy watershed stewardship.

**To report illicit discharges or spills going into or that may go into the storm drain:** If the spill is a direct hazard to human or environmental health, **dial 911**

. Otherwise, contact the Environmental Services Section at **626-384-5480**

during regular City hours (Monday-Thursday 7 am - 6pm). For after-hours violations, please call the Covina Police Department non-emergency number at 626-331-3391. Thank you for being a part of our efforts to protect our ground and surface water.

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