

Storm Water Training

LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION

Needs Improvement



Better!

Actions:

Adjust landscape irrigation systems to prevent overwatering



- Ensure landscape areas are not oversaturated.
- Monitor drainage outlets (commonly weep holes in curbs or pipes entering catch basins) to ensure flows are minimized.
- Consider moisture-sensing irrigation controls, so that landscaped areas are only irrigated when necessary.

Monitor irrigation system to eliminate overspray and leaks



- Report to maintenance staff for repairs.
- Repair any broken sprinkler heads.
- Adjust spray nozzles to avoid spraying onto paved areas.

Reason for action:

Irrigation runoff is a major focus of the new storm water permit issued by the San Diego Regional Board. Excess irrigation water may contain pesticides, fertilizers, and dirt, and can pick up trash and other debris as it flows across paved areas. These pollutants are harmful when washed into local waterways. Municipalities are required to reduce irrigation runoff, and may look to put more pressure on school facilities to do the same. Schools can do their part to be good neighbors, improve water quality, and even save money by reducing irrigation runoff.



See reverse for storm water training log