

Storm Water Training

Trash Management

Rainwater that has come into contact with trash is likely to contain bacteria and other harmful pollutants, and litter can end up downstream, clogging drains, being mistaken for food by wildlife, and accumulating in the ocean.

Keep trash bins covered



- Train employees to keep lids closed, and ask your waste service provider to ensure lids are closed, to replace damaged or missing lids, and to provide covers for roll-off type dumpsters
- Consider overhead cover for trash areas where possible.



Keep outdoor areas clean



- Routinely monitor outdoor areas for loose trash and debris
- Pay close attention to dumpster areas, storm drains, channels, perimeter fences, and facility exit points. Remove wastes and add bins, as needed.

Reason for action:

An upcoming statewide trash policy is focused on preventing trash from entering waterways. In addition, many municipalities in southern California are facing requirements to reduce bacteria levels in local water bodies. Proper trash area maintenance helps to ensure that school facilities are doing their part to keep these pollutants out of waterways.