



Preventing chemicals in storm drains keeps our waters clean.

Many storm drains outfall to Tampa Bay or the Gulf of Mexico, so it is important to prevent anything other than stormwater from washing into drainage openings. The [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Water Act](#) mandates that trash and harmful substances are prohibited from entering the surface waters through drainage sources.

Substances such as detergents, motor oil, and grass clippings may contain pesticides that can harm our water resources. They should never be washed into storm drains. Make sure to place trash in proper receptacles and dispose of yard waste and household chemicals properly.

The city encourages the reporting of illicit discharge or dumping into storm drains. If you see improper disposal of materials, call Public Works Manager Ryan Wieland at (941) 708-6130, ext. 131, or email ampublic4@cityofannamaria.com or ampublic5@cityofannamaria.com.