HOLLLISTER MUNICIPAL CODE

The City of Hollister Municipal Code provides specific regulations regarding the disposal of materials into our stormwater drains:

SECTION - 8.32.060

A. It is unlawful for any person owning, leasing, occupying or having charge or possession of any property in the city, or any other person, to cause, or to permit, or to maintain thereon the following:

14. Disposal or presence of oil, grease, other petroleum products, noxious chemicals, pesticides, or any gaseous, liquid or solid waste in such a manner as to constitute a health, fire or environmental hazard, or which degrades the appearance of or detracts from the aesthetic and property values of neighboring properties;

SECTION - 13.04.600

A. Any person who intentionally or negligently violates any provision of this chapter, or the requirements or conditions set forth in a permit duly issued, or who discharges wastewater which causes pollution, or violates any cease and desist order, prohibition, effluent limitation, national standard of performance, pretreatment or toxicity standard, including nondischarge pretreatment standards, shall be liable to injunctive relief for noncompliance imposed by the city against which the violation occurs.

Said liability or penalty may be in a sum of not to exceed six thousand dollars ($6,000) a day for each violation in which such violation occurs.

SPILL RESPONSE AGENCIES

For additional information on water conservation, please contact the following agencies:

CITY OF HOLLISTER COMMUNITY SERVICES
(831) 636-4370
www.hollister.ca.gov

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
(888) 334-2258
www.wildlife.ca.gov

DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCE CONTROL
(831) 636-4110

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES WARNING
(24 Hour Service) - (800) 852-7550

REGIONAL POISON CONTROL CENTER
(24 Hour Service) - (800) 222-1222

SAN BENITO COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
(831) 636-4035
www.sanbenitoco.org/eh

SAN BENITO COUNTY INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT
Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste
also Free oil drop off
(831) 636-4110

SAN BENITO COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
(831) 637-8218
www.sbcwd.com

STORMWATER HOTLINE
1 (800) 78-CRIME
PREVENT POLLUTION WITH LANDSCAPE CARE

Utilize Green Gardening Methods
- Plant native, drought-tolerant plants to conserve water use
- Use compost and mulch to naturally feed soil

Re-invent your yard
- Reduce the amount of paved surfaces in your yard by replacing pavement with trees, shrubs and various ground covers.
- Redirect downspouts to flow directly into garden and landscaping
- Choose pest and disease resistant varieties of ground cover

Maintain water on-site
- Establish a rain garden (landscaped depression in yard) to collect stormwater and nourish plants
- Utilize rain barrels to capture runoff from roofs

Limit use of pesticides and fertilizers
- Test the soil in your yard to determine if fertilizer is necessary
- Avoid applying pesticide if the forecast calls for rain
- Avoid spreading fertilizer on paved areas
- Properly dispose of fertilizer and pesticide by dropping materials off at a household hazardous waste drop-off facility in San Benito County

Maintain car to minimize pollution
- Maintain your vehicle to prevent leaks of auto fluids
- Wash your car on a grass or gravel area
- Use minimal amounts of biodegradable, phosphate-free soap when washing your car
- Pour leftover soapy water down a household sink

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