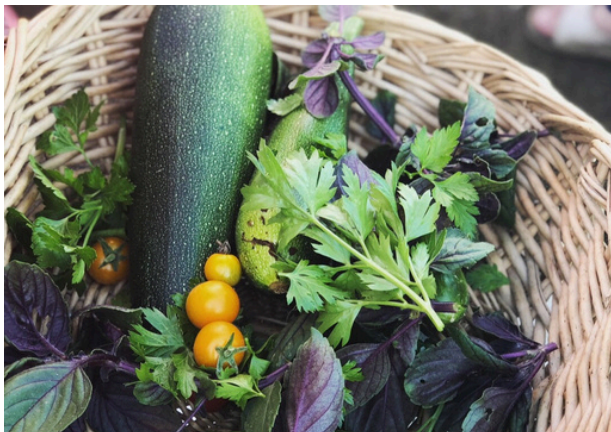


HOW CAN GARDENING HURT THE OCEAN?

Normal garden maintenance often generates yard waste and chemical runoff.

- Pesticides and fertilizers that reach creek or ocean water are harmful to aquatic life and cause problems for people
- Yard waste and sediment washed down creeks can harm aquatic life by clogging gills, blocking sunlight, and raising water temperatures.



Dumping *anything* into a creek, gutter or storm drain is ILLEGAL

CONTACT INFORMATION

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If you see a non-hazardous spill, report it through City of Carpinteria's Service Request System, GOGov, online or download the app

SUBMIT A REPORT HERE



MORE RESOURCES

CITY OF CARPINTERIA'S WASTE HAULER
EJ HARRISON & SONS, INC.
<https://ejharrison.com/>

ECO-FRIENDLY PEST MANAGEMENT
OUR WATER OUR WORLD
<https://ourwaterourworld.org/>

SB COUNTY PROJECT CLEAN WATER
<https://www.countyofsb.org/2310/Project-Clean-Water>



City of Carpinteria

GARDENER'S GUIDE TO CLEAN WATER



Part of a unified community effort to clean up Santa Barbara County's creeks and beaches

WOULD YOU BELIEVE...?

MTYH #1

Runoff from streets and storm drains is treated at wastewater treatment plants.

FACT Storm drain runoff in Santa Barbara County is not treated and goes directly into our creeks - what goes into the storm drain ends up at the beach.

MTYH #2

Most creek pollution comes a few big polluters.

FACT The majority of water pollution comes from small sources - especially at the household levels.

MTYH #3

The impact of one household doesn't really matter.

FACT Although an individual home might contribute only minor amounts of pollution, the combined effect of an entire neighborhood or city is great.

MTYH #4

Creek contamination and beach postings are usually caused by chemical pollution.

FACT Chemical contamination is always a concern. Yet, bacterial contamination from animal waste, litter, garbage, and green waste also threaten the environment and your health.



SOLUTIONS

PESTICIDE USE

- Don't use pesticides during the rainy season
- Avoid over-watering to avoid runoff
- Store pesticides and application equipment properly
- Reduce or eliminate the use of pesticides

YARD WASTE

- Compost the material for your own use
- Properly dispose of yard waste in your green waste bin



USE TOXIC PESTICIDES AS A LAST RESORT

- Use physical controls: hand-picking, traps, barriers, etc.
- Biological controls
 - Adding beneficial insects
- Chemical controls
 - Ask your pesticide supplier which are the least toxic options
 - Visit

OurWaterOurWorld.org

PROPER DISPOSAL OF PESTICIDES

Dispose of unused pesticides and empty containers at your local hazardous waste facility. Visit **LessIsMore.org** for more information.