

# DOES HORSE WASTE CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROBLEM?

**Yes, if not properly managed.**

When it rains, or sometimes during irrigation, horse waste left uncovered or stored improperly near creeks and storms drains can flow, untreated, directly to the ocean.

- Nutrients in horse waste fertilize aquatic plants and cause aquatic life to die
- Sediment in runoff from livestock facilities harms aquatic life by clogging the gills of fish, blocking sunlight, and raising water temperatures
- When the bacterial level in ocean water gets to high, beaches are psoted to protect the public

Caring for horses sometimes requires the use of pesticides. These chemicals may also wash into creeks and flow to the ocean, harming aquatic life and people

## 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

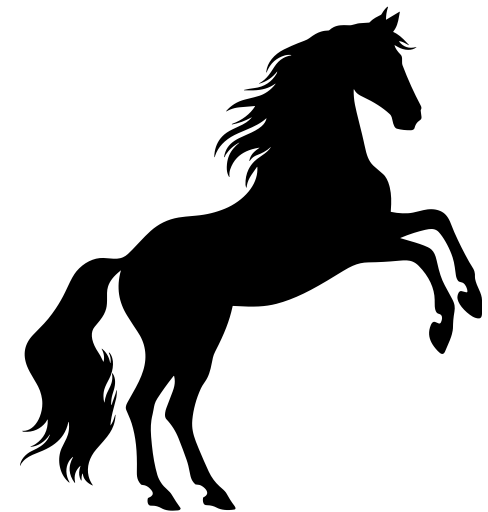
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<https://www.countyofsb.org/2310/Project-Clean-Water>

# Helpful Hints for Horse Owners



*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

## Planning Ahead

- Place barns, corrals, and other high-use areas so that rain or irrigation will carry runoff away from the nearest creek
- Direct runoff on your property so that it doesn't cross livestock areas
- If possible, design diversion terraces that allow runoff to be filtered through vegetation before it enters a creek or storm drain

## Grazing

- Divide grazing areas into 3 or more units of equal size & rotate animals
- When grass is grazed down to 3 or 4 inches, move them to another section
- Keep animals away from wet fields, and indoors if possible, during rainfall

## Clean-up & Storage

- Remove soiled bedding and manure at least 3 times per week from stalls and paddocks
- Place it in sturdy, insect resistant, leak-proof containers:
  - Plastic garbage cans
  - Fly-tight wooden or concrete storage sheds
  - Composters

## Then what?

- Use the material to fertilize pastures, but not before or during a rainstorm
- Call E.J. Harrison & Son's at 805.647.1414 to arrange for a dumpster at your stable

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