

SO WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

Oceans and creek are polluted

Bacteria and other types of pollution have been found in local creeks and the ocean. Ongoing contamination of these waters has resulted in beach and creek closures. Remember, everything that flows into a storm drain or creek ends up in the ocean without being treated.

YOU CAN HELP

By implementing the solutions in this pamphlet, you can take part in protecting and improving the quality of local creeks and waterways.



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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 RESOURCE RECOVERY
LESS IS MORE

<https://lessismore.org/>

SB COUNTY PROJECT CLEAN WATER

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

WWW.CARPINTERIACA.GOV
WATERSHED MANAGEMENT



HOW TO
PROTECT YOUR

**CREEKS &
WATERWAYS**

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.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

1

Properly Dispose of Waste

City of Carpinteria has 3 different waste bins: one for recycling, one for trash, and one for organic waste. Learn more about what goes into each bin at <https://ejharrison.com/>

2

Reduce the Use of Pesticides and Fertilizers

To learn more about choosing more eco-friendly pest management options, visit: <https://ourwaterourworld.org/>

3

Properly Dispose of Hazardous Waste

City of Carpinteria holds hazardous waste collection services (ABOP) every second and fourth Saturday of the month. For more information on County-wide collection services, please visit <https://lessismore.org/>

4

Clean Up Dog Waste

Here are a few options that are creek- and ocean-friendly

1. Place pet waste in the trash
2. Commercial disposal systems use bacterial cultures to turn the waste into a liquid fertilizer
3. Place waste into a larger bin with powdered lime (available at building supply stores)

5

Horse and Other Livestock

Livestock waste can cause problems in creeks and oceans.

- Gather up soiled bedding at least 3 times per week

6

Motor Oil

Used motor oil and antifreeze should be disposed at specific facilities. City of Carpinteria holds ABOP every second and fourth Saturday of the month.

- Clean up spills immediately with absorbent material
- Wash your car at a car wash that recycles their waste water

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