

# Fertilizer Tips to Prevent Pollution

Water that runs off your lawn and garden can carry excess fertilizer into the San Bernardino County storm drain system, and it does not get treated before reaching the Santa Ana River. This pollutes our drinking water and contaminates waterways, making them unsafe for people and wildlife. Follow these simple tips to prevent pollution and protect your health:



- Read the product label and follow the directions carefully, using only as directed.
- Avoid applying near driveways or gutters.
- Never apply fertilizer before a rain.
- Store fertilizers and chemicals in a covered area and in sealed, waterproof containers.
- Take unwanted lawn or garden chemicals to a household hazardous waste collection facility. Call (800) 253-2687.
- Use non-toxic products for your garden and lawn whenever possible.

To report illegal dumping or for more information on Stormwater pollution prevention, call:



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