



**CITY OF RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA  
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

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## **Water Quality Requirements for Public Events**

### **GRAY WATER DISPOSAL**

Gray water (water from washing hands, utensils, mop water, etc.) needs to be disposed of in the sanitary sewer. An indoor sink will be sufficient.

### **OUTSIDE CLEANING**

All discharges generated from outside washing are considered liquid wastes. All water or wastewater discharges from any washing activities must be collected for disposal into the sanitary sewer system. Failure to dispose of liquid wastes in a correct manner may result in a citation and a fine.

One way to keep the wash water from entering the storm drainage system is to place a temporary dam at a low point on the property. The resultant waste can be collected at this point and disposed of in the sanitary sewer, or could be diverted to a grassy area, and allowed to soak into the ground.

### **SPILL CLEAN UP**

Spillage of drinks, food, and any other material on a paved area must be cleaned. Liquid spills can be cleaned by using absorbent materials such as paper towels or mops (see gray water). Food or other solid materials may be swept up, and placed in the trash.

### **TRASH**

Trash needs to be picked up periodically and placed in trash container. Trash should not be allowed to be blown away, because it can end up into the storm drain system, and wind up at the Ocean.

### **PROTECTION OF NEARBY CATCH BASINS:**

Prior to start of event, organizers should assess the event location, and identify the nearby catch basins, that would receive any trash, debris or spills from the event. These catch basins shall be protected at a minimum with gravel bags to prevent non-storm water material from entering the drainage system. If the event is during the rainy season, event personnel shall monitor catch basin protection to avoid flooding. In case of stormy weather, no catch basin protection shall be installed. Organizers shall coordinate this activity with city staff.

### **RECYCLING:**

All festivals and public events in the Rancho Santa Margarita are requested to provide recycling containers.