

Paso Robles Event Center - Information about Storm Water and Water Quality

Storm water is defined by the US EPA as the runoff generated when precipitation from rain and snowmelt events flows over land or impervious surfaces without percolating into the ground. Storm water is often considered a nuisance because it mobilizes pollutants such as sediment, motor oil, and trash. In most cases, storm water flows directly to water bodies without being treated by a sewer system, contributing a major source of pollution to rivers, lakes, and the ocean. However, storm water may also act as a resource and recharge to groundwater when properly managed. The Water Boards are actively involved in initiatives to improve the management of storm water as a resource.

The Paso Robles Event Center (PREC) is enrolled in the Phase II Municipal Storm Water Program as required by the State Water Resources Control Board and is administered by the Regional Water Control Board in San Luis Obispo. The PREC is within the City of Paso Robles which is also enrolled under the same permit. The City's storm water program is part of their Public Works Department, and their website is <http://www.prcity.com/government/departments/publicworks/stormwater/swmp.asp>. Their website has a variety of information related to storm water and water quality including:

- how to report illegal drain inlet dumping or a clogged drain, or other water utility problems,
- upcoming events related to water quality,
- preparing for rain by not blowing leaves or grass clippings into the street and composting this material,
- the "Got Ants" program which gives information about how to get rid of ants using less-toxic products,
- links to additional website information about water quality, storm water, and how you can help maintain healthy waterways,
- links to suggestions of ways to save water.

- 1) Publications and fact sheets from the Council of Bay Area Resource Conservation District:
 - a. Horse Keeping
(http://www.rcdsantacruz.org/images/brochures/pdf/BestManagementPracticesforHorseOwners_2-2003.pdf)
 - b. Composting Horse Manure (http://www.rcdsantacruz.org/images/fact-sheets/Eq_Composting.pdf)
 - c. Land Application of Horse Manure (http://www.rcdsantacruz.org/images/fact-sheets/Land_Application.pdf)
 - d. Manure Storage for Horse Facilities (http://www.rcdsantacruz.org/images/fact-sheets/Manure_Storage.pdf)
 - e. Managing Manure: The Role of Riparian Buffers
(http://www.rcdsantacruz.org/images/fact-sheets/Riparian_Buffers.pdf)
 - f. Water Quality and Horse Keeping Facilities
(http://www.rcdsantacruz.org/images/fact-sheets/Water_Quality.pdf)
 - g. Horse Paddocks (http://www.cccleanwater.org/_pdfs/Paddocks.pdf)
 - h. Equine Facilities (<http://www.acrcd.org/ForFarmersRanchers/EquineFacilities.aspx>)
- 2) From Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County.
 - a. Healthy Livestock and Healthy Land
(<http://www.rcdsantacruz.org/images/brochures/pdf/livestockandlandbrochure.pdf>)
 - b. From Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County.
"Slow it. Spread it. Sink. It. A Homeowner's guide top Greening Stormwater Runoff"
(<http://www.rcdsantacruz.org/images/brochures/pdf/HomeDrainageGuide.v25.pdf>)