



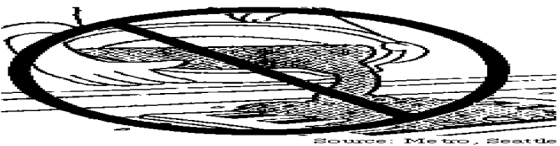
## IMPORTANT SURVEY

Please help your community by answering the following questions about Storm Water in South Santa Clara County (Gilroy, Morgan Hill and San Martin). Storm Water is the rain water that goes down gutters, storm drains, and into creeks and eventually makes it to Monterey Bay.

**Return the survey with your water payment or you may do the survey on line. Go to the Gilroy Web Page at: [www.cityofgilroy.org](http://www.cityofgilroy.org) and find the survey link. Circle *NO* or *YES* that is the closest to what you know.**

1. Do you know about Storm Water Pollution?  
NO YES
2. Do you think there is a problem with Storm Water pollution in our community? NO YES
3. Do you think that Storm Water goes through any cleaning process or filtering process before reaching the Monterey Bay? NO YES
4. Did you know that materials like oil, fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, and household cleaners can pollute Storm Water? NO YES
5. Did you know that pet waste can pollute Storm Water? NO YES
6. Did you know that leaves and grass clippings can pollute Storm Water? NO YES
7. Did you know that you can reduce pollution by retaining or detaining Storm Water? NO YES
8. Would you be willing to take the actions that are shown on the opposite side of this flyer to improve water quality in our creeks and in Monterey Bay?  
NO YES
9. Check the ways that you think Storm Water pollution information should be publicized.

Mailed to my home in the water bill?	YES	NO
In the newspaper?	YES	NO
Brochures available at stores?	YES	NO
By a web page on the internet?	YES	NO
Community Classes/Workshop?	YES	NO
Other:	_____	



## Prevent Pollution

Pollutants discharged into the street and storm drains flow into local streams, creeks, and rivers that lead into Monterey Bay. Rainwater runoff and all other fluids entering this system are never treated!

## ACT to Prevent Pollution

Say **YES** to survey question # 8 on the opposite side of this page and follow these pollution prevention do's and don'ts.

- **Don't** discharge any pollutants such as oil, pesticides and trash into storm gutters, storm drains and creeks. **Do** take unwanted chemical products to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center.
- **Don't** hose wash water into the gutter/street drains. This clogs drainage systems, carries pollutants and cause too much sediment in the Creeks and Bay. **Do** sweep up dirt and debris when cleaning around your home.
- **Don't** wash cars or other items in your driveway or on paved areas. **Do** go to commercial car washes, or have your car washed on the lawn/dirt so that the soap does not go into the storm drain. Biodegradable just means it will break down, but in the creeks this creates smell, bacteria and even toxic and harmful conditions.
- **Don't** wash pet waste into drains or let it accumulate in piles. Pet waste promotes the growth of algae and bacteria when it enter drains, creeks and the Bay. **Do** pick up droppings and place in trash or compost waste from dogs, cats, birds, rabbits, goats, horses, and chickens.
- **Don't** always drain storm water away. **Do** find ways to retain storm water and let it soak into the ground. Have roof drains go to landscaped areas. Use gravel, bark and other ground cover that lets water soak into the soil.
- For more information contact your local Storm Water Program @ 408-846-0451
- For Household Hazardous Waste Disposal call: 408-299-7300.

**“ONLY RAIN DOWN THE STORM DRAIN”**