



CITY OF OCEANSIDE clean water program

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California Coastal Cleanup Day & Buena Vista Creek Cleanup September 19, 2009 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Celebrate the 25th Anniversary of California Coastal Cleanup Day by participating in the ninth annual Buena Vista Creek Cleanup and Oceanside Beach Cleanup. The City of Oceanside, together with I Love a Clean San Diego, Coastkeeper, and 1-800-GOT-JUNK will be hosting a cleanup along the banks of Buena Vista Creek, as well as a beach cleanup, on September 19th, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Volunteers will receive cleanup supplies, refreshments, community service hours, and a free give-away item. Call the Clean Water Program Event Information Line for more details at 760-435-5536.

Cleanup sites

- Behind Dicks Sporting Goods at Plaza Drive and College Boulevard (3514 College Boulevard)
- North of Fire Station #4 located at Thunder Drive and Lake Boulevard.
- Behind Kohl's store at College Boulevard and Marron Road
- South side of Oceanside Pier
- Buccaneer Beach at Pacific and Morse Streets (1500 South Pacific Street)

To register for this event click on
www.cleanupday.org.

For more information about Oceanside cleanup events and how you can prevent water pollution, visit this Web site:
www.oceansidecleanwaterprogram.org.

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Pick Up Your Pet Waste Campaign along the San Luis Rey Recreation Trail

Pet Waste Survey Results

Pet waste left on grass, sidewalks, and along trails is not only a leading cause of bacterial contamination in waterways, but it is also an issue that concerns Oceanside residents. In the spring of 2009, the City of Oceanside Clean Water Program launched a Pick Up Your Pet Waste Campaign to encourage dog owners to clean up after their pets. The project focuses on the San Luis Rey River Trail which is used for a variety of recreational purposes including walking, running, and biking. Many people also bring their dogs with them to the Trail. Although most dog owners who use the trail clean up after their pets, some pet waste still accumulates along the trail.

To kick off the campaign, a brief survey was mailed to 300 Oceanside households located in neighborhoods near the Trail. The goal of the survey was to identify the reasons why people do or do not pick up after their pets on the Trail and in other public areas. Sixty-five percent of the households completed the survey and returned it to the City. Of those residents who completed the survey, 70 percent had visited the Trail in the past and 48 percent reported that they had a dog in their household.

Reasons for Picking Up Dog Waste

Both dog owners and non-dog-owners agree that it is important to pick up dog waste, rating the importance of the issue as 9.6 out of 10. The top-rated reasons for picking up dog waste and throwing it in the trash were because: "It is the right thing to do" and "It pollutes parks, rivers, and beaches."

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Urban Runoff Hotline - Help protect our local waterways

Please report anything other than rain water entering the storm drain.

760-435-5800 "Only Rain in the Storm Drain!"

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Barriers to Picking up Dog Waste

The vast majority of Oceanside dog owners who walk their dogs reported that they *always* pick up after their pet, but 17 percent stated that they sometimes leave their dog's waste behind without picking it up. Among dog owners, the most common reasons cited for why someone might leave dog waste behind while walking the Trail were:

- Forgot to bring a bag
- Nowhere to throw it away
- No one else around to see them

Survey Recommendations

The results of the survey provided clear recommendations for the Pick Up Your Pet Waste Campaign at the Trail including the installation of additional trash cans and pet waste bag dispensers as well as modifying signage to emphasize pet owner responsibility. Ninety-three percent of survey respondents agreed that more pet waste dispensers are needed in the community. As a result, the City plans to move forward with installing additional signage, trash cans, and pet waste bag dispensers along the Trail.

Scoop the Poop – It's a Dog Owner Doody!

The City asks that you keep the following tips in mind when you plan to walk your dog.

- Take a bag with you or use a personal pet waste bag dispenser
- Pick up and dispose of waste in a trash can, not along the side of the trail or sidewalk

For copies of the survey along with final survey results log on to www.oceansidecleanwaterprogram.org. Thank you for doing your part to protect water quality by picking up after your dog.

2009-2010 River, Creek, & Beach Cleanup Events

Please join the Clean Water Program staff and citizen volunteers to assist in removing trash and debris from our local rivers, creeks, and beaches.

Event Times: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Event Details: 760-435-5536

- November 7, 2009: San Luis Rey River Cleanup
- April 24, 2010: Loma Alta Creek Cleanup
- July 5, 2010: Morning After Mess - City Beaches (8 - 11 a.m.)
- September 18, 2010: Buena Vista Creek Cleanup and California Coastal Cleanup Day
- November 6, 2010: San Luis Rey River Cleanup



Protect Water Quality and Conserve Water by following these simple tips

The City of Oceanside is committed to water conservation and water pollution prevention. Oceanside is in a Drought Level 2 with mandatory water restrictions to reduce its water use by at least 8 percent. Follow these simple tips to help conserve water and prevent water pollution.

- Repair broken or leaking hose bibs, sprinklers and valves.
- Eliminate water runoff.
- Sweep driveway, sidewalk, patio and deck. No hosing down of paved surfaces.
- Use a shutoff nozzle on your hose.
- Add 2" to 3" of mulch around trees and plants to reduce evaporation.
- Replace grass with low-water-use plants.
- Check faucets and toilets for leaks and fix promptly.
- Take shorter showers.

Online Resources



www.SaveWaterOceanside.com

The City of Oceanside now has a Web site dedicated to water conservation. Log onto www.SaveWaterOceanside.com for more water-saving tips and useful resource information.

www.bewaterwise.com

The Metropolitan Water District is offering free online low-water-use landscape classes for residents and professionals at www.bewaterwise.com. The following classes are available:

- Mini tutorials on the Basics: Four short lessons cover the key points of water-wise gardening. (15 minutes each)
- In-Depth tutorials for Home Gardeners: Residential gardeners can dig into these more detailed lessons. (60 minutes each)
- Professional Landscape Maintenance tutorials: If you landscape for a living, update your knowledge on landscape irrigation systems, fine tuning the controller, irrigation scheduling considerations, and much more.
- Seminarios Profesionales de Mantenimiento de Paisaje - Ahora en español: Si usted trabaja en mantenimiento de jardines, actualice su conocimiento en sistemas de riego, en ajustar el controlador, en el plan de riego, y mucho más.

Get a No-Cost Home Energy and Water Savings Kit from SDG&E

Save energy, save money, and help the environment with this complimentary kit which contains a low-flow shower head and three faucet aerators. When installed, they can help you save water and the energy used to heat it. To request your kit today, visit www.sdge.com/energykit, or call 1-800-644-6133.

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