



don't let pest ntrol go down the drain

A pest management product was applied at your home today.

To make this application as effective as possible and avoid negative impacts to local water ways, follow these tips:

Prevent wasteful runoff.

Irrigation runoff is wasted water that can carry pesticides into storm drains. Regularly check your irrigation system (especially after pesticide treatments) to make sure runoff is not occurring.

Sweep.

Using water to wash down sidewalks and driveways can carry pesticide chemicals away from targeted application areas.

Save water – use a commercial car wash.

Avoid producing additional runoff and pesticide movement at home.

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9 tips for a water quality friendly landscape



- 1 **Replace and repair** broken irrigation spray nozzles.
- 2 **Make seasonal adjustments** to your irrigation controller.
- 3 **Prevent runoff** by breaking up your irrigation into shorter, multiple run times (instead of one long application).
- 4 **Use rain barrels** to collect and store runoff from rooftops, which can then be used to irrigate plants.
- 5 **Improve water absorption.** Aerate your lawn to reduce compaction and add organic matter to planters.
- 6 **Choose permeable materials** to replace impermeable surfaces (e.g. concrete) if redesigning your hardscape.
- 7 **If applying pesticides yourself, always read the label!** Use the pesticide designed for your specific pest problem and apply only as directed.
- 8 **Clean up** accidental fertilizer or pesticide chemical spills. Sweep it up or use an absorbent agent like cat litter, soil, or sawdust.
- 9 **Compost** or use local green waste collection programs to dispose of yard waste.