



Irrigation Runoff Is Prohibited from Being Discharged into Storm Drain System and Waterways



Did You Know?

- Pursuant to State of California Regulation, the City of Aliso Viejo is required to prohibit irrigation runoff (Aliso Viejo Municipal Code Chapter 7.35).
- Irrigation runoff is defined as the discharge of irrigation water to the storm drain system.
- Eliminating irrigation runoff helps conserve water and protect our creeks, natural habitat, ocean and marine life from pollution.
- That even when water restrictions are lifted, irrigation runoff is still prohibited.
- Irrigation water from your yard drain is also prohibited from entering the storm drain system.
- Storm drains are separate from our sanitary sewer systems; unlike water in sanitary sewers (from sinks or toilets), water in storm drains is not treated before entering our waterways.
- Irrigation runoff picks up pollutants that are accumulated on the ground like dirt, bacteria, trash, motor oil, other chemicals, or building materials, and then carries it all the way to nearest storm drain pipes it will eventually reach our creeks and beaches and ocean.

Tips for Reducing Runoff

- Adjust sprinklers so they don't spray onto streets and sidewalks
- Repair leaking or broken sprinklers
- Water in short cycles (3-5 minutes) to allow water to absorb into the soil
- Water in the early morning or late evening when it is cooler outside
- Temporarily cover your yard drain with a bowl or mat when watering
- Replace thirsty landscapes with drought-tolerant, native, or California friendly plants