

The City of Covina's stormwater pollution prevention program is governed by various federal, state and local laws and regulations.

The Clean Water Act of 1987 established requirements for storm water discharges under the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program. The goals of the permit include protecting the beneficial uses of the water bodies and reducing stormwater pollution.

Polluted stormwater degrades our creeks and ocean. Sediments cloud the water, nutrients promote the growth of algae and toxic chemicals from pesticides or leaking cars all threaten the health of fish and other aquatic life. Bacteria and parasites from pet waste and leaking septic tanks can make our ocean unsafe for swimming and surfing.

The City of Covina is currently covered or impacted by the following NPDES permits (click each to view corresponding permit):

[Order No. R4-2012-0175 NPDES Permit No. CAS004001 Waste Discharge Requirements for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System \(MS4\) discharges within the Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles County, Except Those Discharges Originating from the City of Long Beach MS4](#) .

[Order No. 97-03-DWQ: NPDES General Permit No. CAS000001, Waste Discharge Requirements \(WDRS\) for Discharges of Storm Water Associated with Industrial Activities, Excluding Construction Activities](#) .

[Order No. 2009-0009-DWQ \(As amended by 2010-0014-DWQ and 2012-006-DWQ\):
 NPDES G eneral Permit No. CAS000002 for Storm Water Discharges
Associated with Construction and Land Disturbance Activities.](#)

The NPDES Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit regulates municipal discharges of storm water and non-storm water from the Permittees' MS4s. mandates that the

