

STORM WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION

TIP OF THE MONTH

JANUARY

TIPS FOR STORING MATERIALS OUTDOORS:

- If materials must be stored outdoors temporarily, use a waterproof tarp, re-secure as needed and check it periodically for any rips that might allow material to escape and enter the environment.
- For materials permanently stored outdoors, use containers with lids or cover the materials with items such as a tarp to prevent precipitation from coming into contact with the product.
- Use secondary containments, like a children's wading pool, for materials that will be stored outdoors permanently.

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TIPS FOR MANAGING ONSITE SOLID WASTE:

- Designate waste storage areas that are away from storm drains, storm water facilities or waterways.
- Inspect dumpsters for leaks, repair any dumpster that is not watertight and tightly close any open drain valves.
- Provide an adequate amount of waste receptacles for the size of your facility. Receptacles should have lids securely in place to keep waste contained.

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TIPS FOR PREVENTING SPILLS:

- Store hazardous materials and waste in secure containers.
- Never leave containers open or exposed unless you need them for the job at hand.
- Provide continuous training in spill prevention and cleanup.

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TIPS FOR CONCRETE DISPOSAL:

- Do not wash out concrete trucks or dispose of excess concrete into storm drains, open ditches, streets or waterways.
- Do not allow excess concrete to be dumped on-site, except in designated areas.
- For on-site washout locate a washout area at least 50 feet from storm drains, open ditches or waterways. Do not allow runoff from washout area by constructing a temporary pit or bermed area large enough for liquid and solid waste. Wash out wastes into a temporary pit where concrete can set, be broken up, and then disposed of properly.

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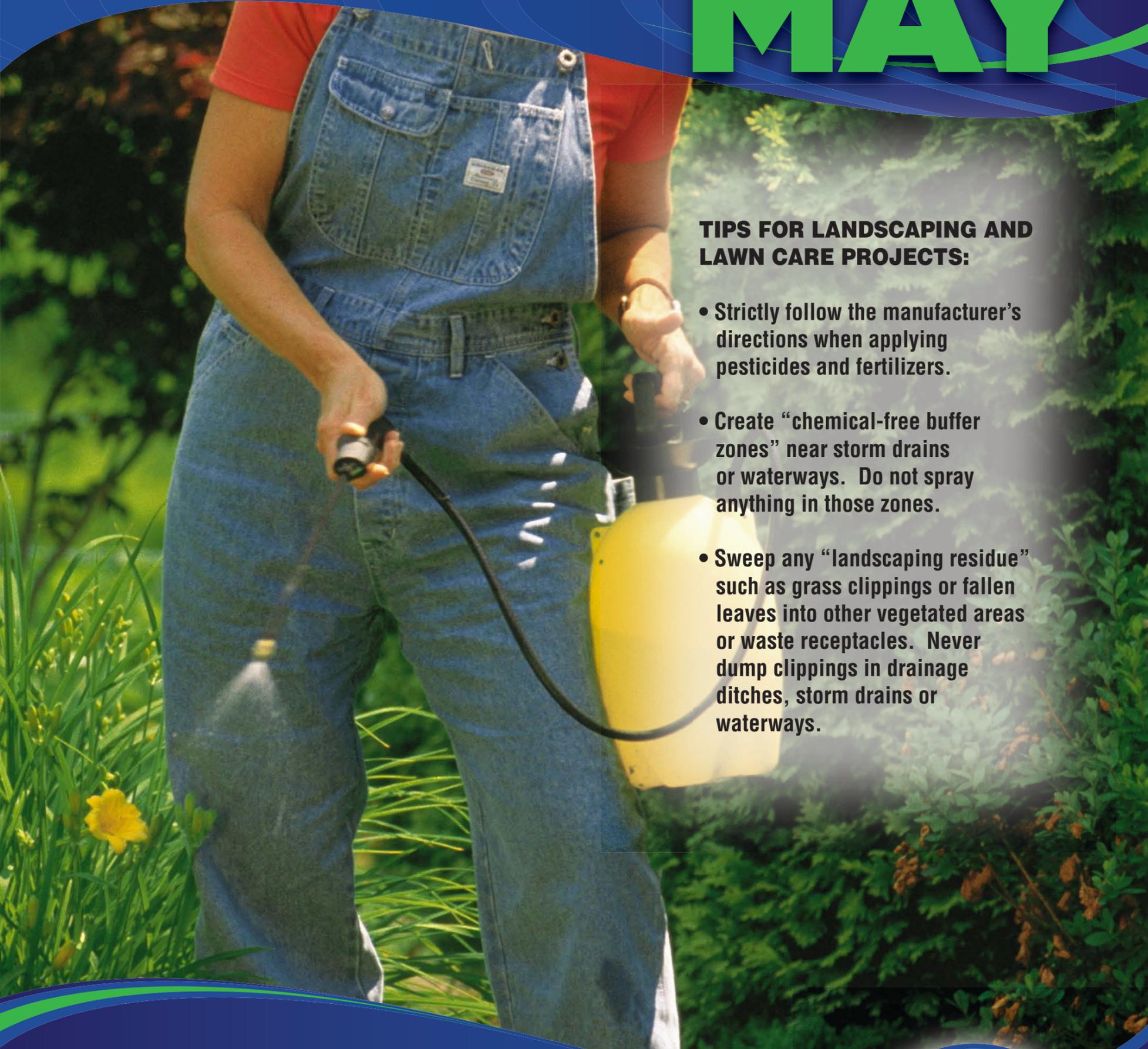
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MAY



TIPS FOR LANDSCAPING AND LAWN CARE PROJECTS:

- Strictly follow the manufacturer's directions when applying pesticides and fertilizers.
- Create "chemical-free buffer zones" near storm drains or waterways. Do not spray anything in those zones.
- Sweep any "landscaping residue" such as grass clippings or fallen leaves into other vegetated areas or waste receptacles. Never dump clippings in drainage ditches, storm drains or waterways.

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TIPS FOR WATERING LANDSCAPE AND OTHER VEGETATED AREAS:

- Adjust sprinklers to spray directly onto soil and lawns. Avoid discharging water onto impermeable surfaces such as paved driveways, roads and parking lots.
- Use less water over a longer period of time if possible to avoid water running off the landscaped area and into the storm sewer system.
- Use rain barrels or cisterns to capture and reuse storm water when possible. Do not use chlorinated water as it cannot be discharged to local waterways due to its negative effect on aquatic life.

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TIPS FOR PERFORMING STREET MAINTENANCE:

- Protect storm drain inlets by cleaning up any waste or debris.
- Take debris that is removed from catch basins to a sanitary landfill or material storage area where it can't be washed away. Never dump debris in a drainage ditch or roadway.
- Check the weather forecast. Do not perform street maintenance before or during rain events.

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TIPS FOR WASHING VEHICLES AND OTHER EQUIPMENT:

- Use phosphate-free soaps. Chemical phosphates can lead to the removal of oxygen from water. Soapy water that flows down your driveway or street and into the storm drain can have a negative impact on the wildlife that lives in the closest body of water.
- Wash vehicles and equipment over a sanitary floor drain. Do not wash vehicles or equipment where wastewater is not contained or drained to a sanitary system.
- Only use designated wash areas to prevent wastewater from entering into storm systems.

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TIPS FOR PAINT PROJECT CLEANUP:

- Never clean paintbrushes or rinse paint containers into a street, gutter, storm drain or waterway.
- Paint out brushes that contain oil-based paint to the extent practical. Dispose of any oil-based paints, thinners, residue and sludge as hazardous waste.
- Wipe latex paint out of brushes and then rinse into the sanitary sewer. When thoroughly dry, latex paint, paint cans, used brushes, rags, absorbent materials and drop cloths may be thrown in the trash since they are no longer hazardous.

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TIPS FOR DETECTING AND REPORTING ILLICIT DISCHARGES:

- Look for plastic piping or hoses connected to storm drain inlets, staining around storm drains and open, leaking dumpsters.
- Indicators of illicit discharges include any observable flows or noticeable vapors coming from a storm drain during dry weather.
- Look for construction sites that place temporary dirt piles near the street or storm drains or commercial properties that hose or wash off equipment outdoors.
- Report any sightings of these conditions to SD1's Storm Water Hotline.

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TIPS FOR VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE:

- Work on equipment inside when possible. Do not work on vehicles outdoors unless there is an emergency repair.
- Use drip pans if you have to repair leaks outdoors. Empty drip pans into approved containers and empty containers as needed.
- Clean up any leaks and dispose of materials properly. Do not leave leaking vehicles or equipment outdoors.

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TIPS FOR SPILL RESPONSE AND REPORTING:

- If a leak occurs, stop the leak and contain the spill. Remember to use absorbents for liquid spills.
- Sweep up granular materials from dry spills.
- Read and understand your spill response plan and call the SD1 Storm Water Hotline if you have questions about the spill or believe that the spill is hazardous.

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