



**Landscaping  
and  
Pools**

**Best Management  
Practices**



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## General Practices

- Use pesticides completely. Always read the label and follow the directions for proper use. Rinse the containers and use the rinse water as a diluted product. Recycle clean containers, if possible.
- Use safer, more organic products that are biodegradable.
- Dispose of unused pesticides at the San Joaquin County Hazardous Waste Facility located near the Stockton Airport.
- Store pesticides, fertilizers, chlorine, and other chemicals indoors or in a shed or storage cabinet.
- Schedule grading and excavation projects during dry weather seasons. Prevent dirt from running into streets and storm drains.



## Landscaping

- Do not blow or rake leaves, grass, or dirt into streets. Keep all garden waste out of the storm drain.
- Collect lawn and garden clippings, pruning waste, and tree trimmings. If necessary, chip and compost.
- Protect stockpiles and landscaping materials from wind and rain by storing them under tarps or secured plastic sheeting.
- Practice “grasscycling,” or composting grass clippings.

## In Your Pool

- Chlorinated water is toxic to wildlife in ponds, rivers, or streams. Never discharge pool or spa water into the street or a storm drain. It must be disposed of through the sanitary sewer system. If unable to locate cleanout, contact the City’s Service Center at (209) 937-8341 for assistance.
- Do not use copper-based algaecides. Control algae with chlorine or other alternatives.

