



## GREEN WASTE DISPOSAL BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMPs)

Green waste is the solid waste resulting from gardening, such as leaves, grass, shrub clippings, garden and yard waste, brush and woody materials, trees trunks, holiday trees, tree trimmings, and prunings. Green wastes clog the storm drainage system and create flooding problems. Green waste washed into surface waters increases the BOD of the water body resulting in the consumption of dissolved oxygen needed by aquatic organisms. Green waste washed into water bodies can also alter the natural flow and configuration of stream channels and suffocate sensitive benthic (bottom-dwelling) organisms. Green wastes may have adsorbed fertilizers and pesticides

Think before putting anything in the storm drain.  
The ocean starts at your front door.



### **Required BMPs:**

- Green waste may not be disposed of to the street, gutter, public rights-of-way, storm drain, or to Receiving Waters.

### **Additional Recommended BMPs:**

- Dispose of green waste through the City's waste collection service
- Do not mix green waste with regular garbage.
- Properly compost green waste materials.
- Securely cover trashcans.
- Clean up garden debris. Remove weak or dying plants.

