

Helpful landscaping tips for your business



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OUR WATER

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Let's all prevent harmful pollutants from going down the storm drain and into the ocean. **Here's what you can do to help protect our water:**

Be careful with chemicals

Use pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers only as needed, and not before a rainy day. Store them in sealed containers in covered areas and follow the directions on the product label and Safety Data Sheet. This will save you money and help reduce the chance of it being washed down a storm drain.



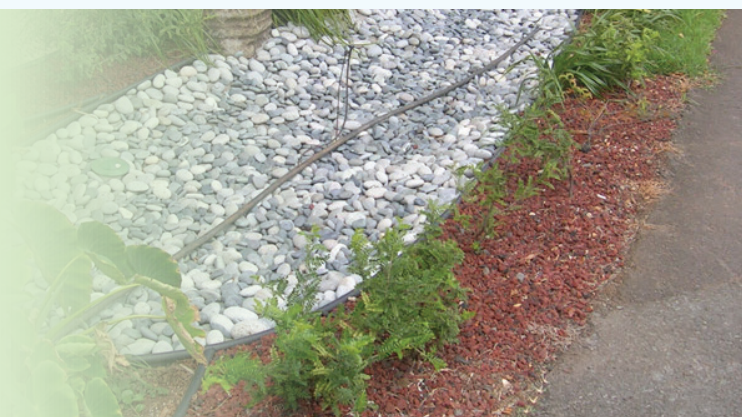
Bag your clippings

After mowing or pruning, place clippings in a trash bag, or take them to a facility for composting to prevent them from going down the storm drain when it rains. Clippings can cause algae to grow in our waterways, which uses up oxygen in water. This harms fish, coral, and other marine life.



Design for infiltration

Incorporate Low Impact Development storm water design methods. Some design features include rain gardens, infiltration beds, rain barrels, swales, and basins. This allows water to collect and infiltrate into the ground on-site.



Irrigate wisely

Water efficient irrigation systems are one of the most effective ways to reduce water usage, run-off, and sediments, and to optimize plant health by applying the correct amount of water. At a minimum, conduct a monthly inspection to verify system operation and correct deficiencies.

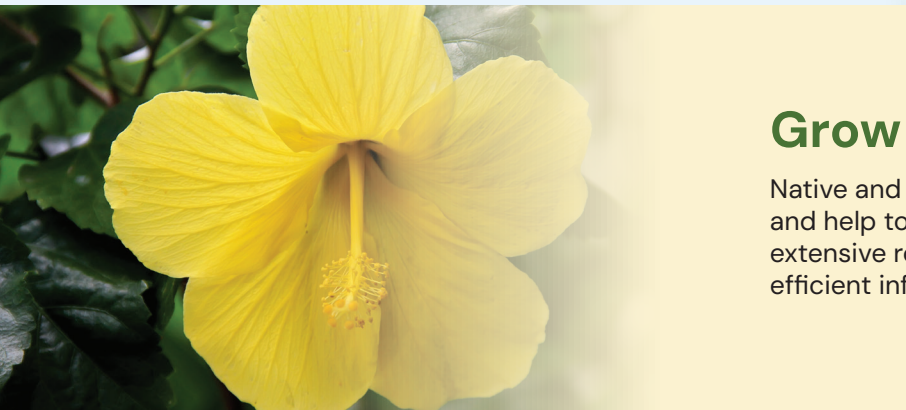


Manage pests sustainably

Integrated Pest Management is an effective approach to pest management that uses current, comprehensive information on the life cycles of pests and their interaction with the environment. This information is used to manage pest damage by the most economical means with the least possible hazard to people, property, and the environment.

Equipment use & care

During construction, disturb only what can be finished in a day to avoid prolonged soil exposure. Use proper covers and barriers to protect disturbed areas from erosion. Keep equipment in good condition, avoid overfilling fluids, and never maintain equipment at the job site. Find more details in the Automotive Facilities brochure and our Construction Manual on our website.



Grow native

Native and drought-resistant plants thrive on natural rainfall and help to prevent soil erosion. They also tend to have extensive root structures that help to stabilize soil and aid in efficient infiltration.

If you suspect a storm water violation, call our Storm Water Hotline at (808) 831-6714 or send an email to info@StormWaterHawaii.com.



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