



City of  
**Santa Monica**

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### **Why is hosing paved areas not allowed in Santa Monica?**

Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 7.16.020 prohibits the use of a garden hose to clean hardscapes (paved areas).

- A hose uses 10-12 gallons per minute.
- A hose is a poor cleaning tool.
- A hose has no ability to recover the dirty water.

### **What are some alternatives?**

- Use a good-quality push-broom or outdoor sweeper.
- Use a scrub brush or industrial-grade mop and bucket.
- Use a pressure-washer and vacuum-up the dirty water and dump in the sewer.
- Hire a pressure-washing contractor.

### **How do I safely clean up feces, urine, and vomit?**

- Wear gloves and pick up the bulk of it with a bag or shovel and put it in the trash.
- Clean any residue with a bacterial enzyme-based product found at pet stores and janitorial products. These are safe and will remove any odors.

### **Resources:**

Pressure washing offered by the City of Santa Monica call (310) 458-2223

Pressure-washing contractors permitted by the City call (310) 458-8235

More info email [savewater@smgov.net](mailto:savewater@smgov.net) or call (310) 458-8972

**Please don't dump trash or dirty water into the street, alley or gutter where it will go down the storm drain and out to the ocean.**