USEFUL TIPS FOR CLEANING UP ASH AND DEBRIS FROM HOMES AND BUSINESSES

HOME & BUSINESS CARE

When cleaning ash and debris from your residence or business, care should be taken to protect the stormdrain system which empties directly into Orange County's waterways, beaches, harbors and the ocean. Also, try to not to re-suspend ash and particulates into the air. This can be accomplished using a damp broom or mop when cleaning driveways and other open areas.

If it is necessary to use water to clean areas of your property, divert the runoff to landscaped areas where it will soak into the ground. Ash will not harm grass and other vegetated areas. Remember, the ocean begins at your front door!

Pool Care – Disposal of Ash-Laden Pool Water

The Orange County Stormwater Program has developed the following brochure which provides guidelines for draining your pool without impacting water quality:

PDF Tips for Pool Maintenance

If you have no other option but to drain your ash-laden pool water to the stormdrain system, the guidelines in the brochure should be followed. Additionally, water should be filtered using a filter fabric to remove the ash and other solid debris.

For additional information contact:

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