In response to State requirements, the City created an Urban Runoff Management Program to help improve the quality of water on our beaches and in the ocean. Urban runoff is the combination of trash and debris from homes, gardens, businesses, automobiles and litterbugs that is carried through the streets by irrigation overflow, wastewater from cleaning operations, and polluted storm water. Urban runoff flows through the storm drain system, eventually ending up at the ocean and is one of the leading sources of beach warnings in Orange County.

In October 2007, San Clemente property owners approved an extension of the Clean Ocean Utility Fee that funds this program. This fee is about $5 per month for most homeowners and helps pay for the cost of street sweeping. Street sweeping removes tons of dangerous chemicals and urban pollution from our streets that would otherwise end up on our beaches and in the ocean. Please help prevent beach pollution by moving your car on street sweeping days. You can get free street sweeping reminders by signing up for “SC Alerts” on the City’s website (www.sanclemente.org). This will help you avoid parking citations, and help keep local beaches clean! If you have any question please call the Maintenance Services Division at (949) 361-8317.