

# References to keep handy

## regulatory agencies

### POLLUTION EMERGENCIES ON THE BAY

CA Department of Fish and Game  
1 (888) DFG-CALTIP or  
1 (888) 334-2258

If you witness a poaching or polluting incident or any fish and wildlife violation, or you have information about such a violation, immediately dial the toll-free CalTIP number 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Offices of Emergency Services  
24-hour Spill Report 800-852-7550  
Report spills of toxic materials such as oil immediately.

City of Morro Bay Harbor Patrol  
(805) 772-6256

The Harbor Patrol polices the bay, public piers and docks, as well as collects fees for docking in Morro Bay. Call the Harbor Patrol for any emergency on the bay.

Environmental Protection Agency  
Septic Tank Management  
[www.epa.gov/owm/septic](http://www.epa.gov/owm/septic)

## waste disposal

SLO County Integrated Waste Management Authority  
1-800-400-0811 or [www.iwma.com](http://www.iwma.com)

## hazardous waste drop sites

Morro Bay Wastewater Treatment Plant  
160 Atascadero Road, across from Morro Bay High School Saturday 11am – 3pm

Cold Canyon Landfill  
Highway 227 south of San Luis Obispo Friday and Saturday 11am – 3pm

## stranded wildlife

Do not disturb marine mammals or wildlife.

**MARINE MAMMAL RESCUE**  
Marine Mammal Center  
415-289-SEAL

**BIRD RESCUE**  
Pacific Wildlife Care  
(805) 543-9453  
[info@pacificwildlifecare.org](mailto:info@pacificwildlifecare.org)

**DEAD SEA OTTERS**  
CA Dept. of Fish and Game  
(805) 772-1135

## volunteer groups protecting the bay

Small Wilderness Area Preservation (SWAP)  
(805) 528-0392

These “weed warriors” meet the first Saturday every month from 9am to noon, at the north end of 15th Street, Los Osos to remove veldt grass, ice plant, thistles and ivy, and to control erosion.

Morro Coast Audubon Society  
[www.morrocoastaudubon.org](http://www.morrocoastaudubon.org)  
Morro Coast Audubon owns the Sweet Springs Preserve on Ramona near Pine Street in Los Osos. This small freshwater wetland offers abundant wildlife. Volunteers meet every second Saturday of the month at 9am.

National Estuary Program  
Volunteer Monitoring Program  
[www.mbnep.org/volunteer](http://www.mbnep.org/volunteer)  
or (805) 772-3834

Join MBNEP’s Volunteer Monitoring Program to test water quality, phytoplankton and beach debris. Training is provided, so no experience is necessary.

## gardening resources

**IDENTIFYING PEST OR PLANT PROBLEMS**  
San Luis Obispo Master Gardeners  
(805) 781-5939 or  
[mgsanluisobispo@ucdavis.edu](mailto:mgsanluisobispo@ucdavis.edu)  
You can call or email your questions and photos of the problem.

**REDUCING CHEMICALS IN YOUR GARDEN**  
[www.ourwaterourworld.com](http://www.ourwaterourworld.com)

**INVASIVE PLANTS AND SMART ALTERNATIVES**  
California Invasive Plant Council  
[www.cal-ipc.org](http://www.cal-ipc.org)

## open space and natural resources

Morro Bay Museum of Natural History and Adventures with Nature Walks  
[www.morrobaymuseum.org](http://www.morrobaymuseum.org)

San Luis Obispo County Parks  
[www.slocountyparks.com](http://www.slocountyparks.com)

California State Parks  
[www.slostateparks.com](http://www.slostateparks.com)

Morro Bay National Estuary Program  
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