Believe it or not, leaves, grass and other yard wastes can be harmful to marine life when your garden hose washes them into the gutter and through the storm drain system straight out to the ocean. Also, garden pesticides and fertilizers washed off lawns and gardens add to the urban runoff mix and are toxic to sea life.

Here are a few simple practices you can follow to assure a healthy environment for both your neighborhood and our local waterways:

1. Use a broom to clean your driveway or sidewalk. Do not use a hose.
2. Use organic or non-toxic fertilizers.
3. Conserve water while irrigating your lawn and garden.
4. Read labels and use pesticides and fertilizers as directed—do not over-apply.
5. Compost green waste or recycle it in your City of Los Angeles-issued green recycling container.
6. Dispose of household toxics at a SAFE Center. Call (888) CLEAN-LA for the nearest location.

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