Keep Harmful Chemicals From Entering Storm Drains

Materials used by beauticians, carpet cleaners, contractors, dry cleaners, landscapers, mobile detailers, mobile mechanics, painters, pest controllers, pet groomers, power washers and others can contain chemicals that are harmful to the Rio Grande.

WHEN IT RAINS, stormwater gathers up oils, dirt, chemicals and trash as it flows over parking lots, landfills, backyards, mesas and streets. Stormwater makes its way to storm drains and is channeled, UNTREATED, DIRECTLY into the Rio Grande.

Properly dispose of the materials you use when doing your job to keep harmful chemicals from the Rio Grande.

ONLY RAIN IS ALLOWED IN STORM DRAINS
• Dispose of wash water at a sanitary clean out.

• Take leftover paints, solvents, oils, construction materials to a waste disposal center.

• **DO NOT** wash, sweep or blow any materials to the street where they can enter storm drains.

• When not in use, keep materials stored properly with lids secured to reduce potential for spills.