



Architectural **COPPER** and Stormwater **RUNOFF**

THINK TWICE ABOUT ARCHITECTURAL
COPPER TO PROTECT WATER QUALITY

DID YOU KNOW?

Copper can harm aquatic life in our waterways and the Monterey Bay. Copper roofing materials, shingles, downspouts, gutters, rain chains and copper light fixtures are common in our area. Stormwater runoff that encounters these surfaces is known to have elevated copper concentrations. The Monterey Regional Stormwater Management Program discourages the use of architectural copper in an effort to reduce copper concentrations in stormwater runoff and reaching local waterways.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Alternatives to architectural copper may include, but not be limited to:

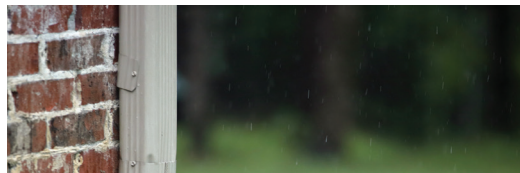
- Coated steel roofs
- Aluminum or galvanized downspouts and gutters
- Non-copper rain chains

If architectural copper is present on your property:

- Direct runoff to landscaping or planted areas
- Cover the copper feature with a clear coating to prevent further corrosion
- Do not use chemicals applied on-site to accelerate the development of copper patina



NON-COPPER RAIN CHAINS



RUNOFF TO PLANTED AREAS



COATED STEEL ROOF

