Q: Is this hose dangerous?

A: No, not on its own. But, if you hose lawn clippings and soil from your driveway into street gutters and down the stormwater drain, it can cause big problems in Diamond Bay.

Why is hosing a problem?
- Leaves and clippings decay in the water, and use up oxygen.
- Taking oxygen away kills plants, fish and other living creatures in our sea.
- Soil is a problem too – it can suffocate fish by clogging their gills.

What's happening in Dover Heights?
We recently looked at what is going down the stormwater drains in Dover Heights by opening the pollution control trap. 90% of what we found was leaves and soil. Hosing contributes to this type of pollution.

What can you do instead of hosing? Simple.
1. Sweep up soil, litter and leaves from gutters and driveways.
2. Cover piles of soil, sand or mulch.
3. Plant grass where the soil is exposed.
4. Place leaves in garden compost.

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