



Stormwater Management Facts

What is the problem?

Each time it rains, water washes over our streets, driveways and yards picking up pollutants along the way. The water then flows into campus storm drains. This runoff may contain pollutants such as motor oil, yard clippings, pet waste, cigarette butts, litter and other toxins. What we do on land directly affects our water quality.

The University storm drains are NOT connected to treatment systems. Whatever enters the drain is discharged directly, untreated, into local waterways.

How can you help the campus community?

- Properly dispose of hazardous waste and recycle used motor oil.
- Use fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides sparingly, follow the manufacturer's instructions, or try to use natural alternatives to these products. Never apply before a rainstorm.
- Keep yard waste off the street and out of the gutters by bagging or composting leaves.
- Place trash in proper receptacles and recycle.
- Clean-up after your pets.
- Wash your car at a car wash facility or park your car in the grass before you wash it. Recycle antifreeze and motor oil at your local auto repair shop.
- Spread the word about protecting our waterways from polluted runoff.

For more information contact:

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