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### Clean storm water

Storm water is generally rainwater. Rainwater runoff enters the storm drains and is discharged into the campus's natural environment. Do **NOT** dump or allow pollutants (e.g. mop bucket water, oil, sediment, paint, cleaning solutions, etc) to flow into the storm drains!!! Storm drains are only for the collection of storm water.

### Basic storm water protection practices

1. When possible use custodial sinks because they are designed to accept custodial wastewater (*mop bucket water, cleaning solutions, and other water mixtures*) that may include rags or other debris that can damage toilets and other plumbing fixtures. If custodial wastewater must be disposed in a toilet or other plumbing fixture, rags and other debris must be removed before disposal. **NEVER** use a storm drain.
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2. When cleaning outdoor docks dry sweep, wet mop or wet vacuum. Do **NOT** ever use chemicals outside!
  3. Keep storage areas dry and clean. Conduct regular inspections that follow hazardous materials storage requirements so that leaks and spills are detected as soon as possible.
  4. Keep lids on cleaning barrels and containers, and store them indoors or under a cover to reduce the exposure to rain.
  5. If carpet and upholstery cleaning is contracted outside of the university, the cleaning water tanks must be emptied into a custodial sink. A toilet or other plumbing fixture may be used only if rags and other debris are removed from the wash water. **NEVER** use a storm drain.

### Reporting a storm water concern

Almost any substance other than rain water that is flowing or could flow into a storm drain may constitute a storm water concern. These substances could include oil, sediment, paint, cleaning water, or any other contaminant. Be sure to report if you see a storm water concern!!!

To report a storm water concern, please call (831) 459-4520 and say "I want to report a storm water concern" or send an email to [cleanwater@ucsc.edu](mailto:cleanwater@ucsc.edu).

To report emergencies, please dial 9-1-1 from any campus phone or (831) 459-2345 from any phone.

Reports can be kept confidential. However, if you want feedback on the resolution please let us know.