



UC Santa Cruz Storm Water

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The UCSC Storm Water Management Program is now online at:

cleanwater.ucsc.edu



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The Facts About

Butts...

Most UCSC groundskeepers spend an average of one hour each day picking up cigarette butts. In Santa Cruz, 80 percent of the trash picked up during beach clean ups are cigarette butts. Butts that are not picked up may end up in the campus natural environment.

What is Storm Water Runoff?



without any form of treatment.

Storm water runoff is any water that flows off roofs, roads, and other impermeable surfaces during a rain. Rather than seeping into the ground, the water flows into storm drains. At UCSC, these drains discharge into the campus landscape often

Why Should I Care?

As storm water rushes along it picks up trash, chemicals and other pollutants left or dumped by us. This causes contamination.

The rule of thumb is that almost all drains outside are storm drains and the drains inside are sanitary sewer drains. While sanitary sewer discharges are treated at the City of Santa Cruz waste water treatment plant, water flowing into storm drains is generally **NOT TREATED**. When storm water becomes contaminated by litter, pesticides, detergents, pet waste, sediment, oil and other substances, that contamination is discharged to the campus environment.

What Can I Do?

Don't discard litter, liquids, or cigarette butts on the ground!



* Put your cigarette butt into an ashtray or the trash (if properly extinguished).

* Throw away your trash and recycle, recycle, RECYCLE.

Take your car to be serviced off campus

* Do not discard anything on the ground or in the storm drain

Storm Water Quality Hotline

If you see illegal dumping into storm drains or are suspicious that an activity that may cause environmental harm,

Tell us about it

Report an Emergency: call 911 from any campus phone or 459-2345 when calling from a cell phone (911 calls made from cell phones will not reach Campus dispatch.)

Report all other storm water concerns to Storm Water Concerns Number: 459-2553 or cleanwater@ucsc.edu



Anonymous Help from You

If you see people working on cars in a parking lot please report it to campus police:

459-2231.

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Properly use and dispose of hazardous products

* A hazardous waste is any material, which is intended to be discarded, and which exhibits any of the following characteristics: **Flammability, Corrosivity, Reactivity, or Toxicity.** Some of the products used in the home, garage, workshop, yard and garden can be considered hazardous. These products can contain components which have corrosive/caustic, explosive/reactive, flammable, irritant, toxic or radioactive properties. These products include: paint and decorating supplies; solvents and cleaning products; herbicides and pesticides, lawn care products; and automotive products.



- * Do NOT pour anything down a storm drain; remember the water does not get treated before being discharged to the environment
- * For campus hazardous waste determination and disposal information contact April Casper at the Environmental Health and Safety Office (9-3086 or 9-2553).

How Can I Get Involved?

- Volunteers and Internships (Earn course credit!)
- Storm drain clean up events
- Web page development
- Marking campus storm drains
- Storm water survey development
- Invent your own idea for protecting storm water!
- If you would like to get involved with storm water issues on campus, please contact Robin Fried at 459-4840 or visit cleanwater.ucsc.edu



Why is Storm Water Pollution Prevention Important?

- * Reducing the amount of pollution carried by storm water protects our waterways.
- *It's Good for You and the Environment: cleaner and healthier creeks, rivers and bay!



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