

STORM WATER

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What is storm water runoff?

Storm water runoff is rainwater that falls on roofs, roads, and other impervious surfaces. Runoff flows across these impervious surfaces and then into storm drains. Remember, **ONLY** rain down the drain!

Where does storm water runoff go at UCSC?

Much of the storm water runoff that is collected in the parking lot and loading dock storm drains is treated. However, most runoff from streets, roofs, and other impervious surfaces is not treated. These storm drains discharge to natural drainage areas across campus.

How does storm water runoff affect us?

Storm water runoff can potentially collect contaminants, soil, debris, or trash in its path. Runoff can erode soil, causing the storm water to become contaminated with sediment.

Runoff can also collect contaminants from roads carry them into our drainages. Proper storm water runoff management eliminates the possibility of impacts on storm water quality. Do **NOT** discard anything on the ground!

Properly Use and Dispose of Hazardous Products. Contact EH&S at (831) 459-2553 for campus hazardous waste determination and disposal information!

