

UCSC STORM WATER Management Program Unofficial Pathways

What are Unofficial Pathways?

When people walk around constructed paths, creating new pathways.

Why Do They Matter?

The creation of unofficial pathways destroys natural ground cover and exposes the underlying soil. The impact of rain droplets on exposed soil causes erosion. Once the soil is dislodged it can be carried by runoff water into the natural drainages. Erosion reduces the rate of infiltration and aquifer recharge in natural ground cover and drainages.

What Can You Do To Help?

Stay on paved roads and approved/official paths,
Educate your peers and encourage them to use official pathways,
Volunteer or intern with UCSC Grounds Department and UCSC Natural Reserves

Report activities that can potentially cause environmental harm to our Storm Water Quality Hotline: (831) 459-2553 or email us at cleanwater@ucsc.edu

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