

Did you know that rainwater can pollute?

Let's protect our rivers starting on campus!

Stormwater is rainwater or melted snow that flows over land surfaces such as streets, sidewalks, parking lots, and rooftops.

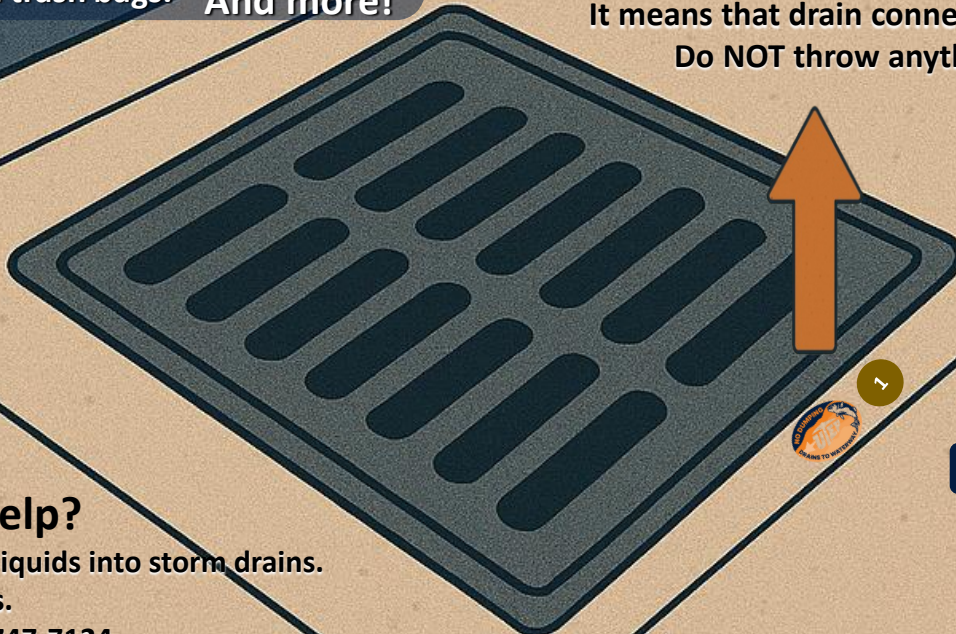
Misuse of the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) can allow pollutants to enter rivers and streams. This is called an **illicit discharge**—any unauthorized release into the storm drain system that harms water quality and the environment.

For example:

- Tool washing with chemicals.
 - Floor cleaning water with detergents.
 - Used motor oil.
 - Soapy water from car washing.
 - Antifreeze or brake fluids.
 - Fertilizers or pesticides before rain.
 - Yard waste carried by water.
 - Outdoor equipment washing.
 - Brush washing with acrylic or oil paint.
 - Sanding dust or wood shavings.
 - Water with pigments or dyes.
 - Liquid chemical disposal.
 - Water with sediment or mud.
 - Liquid waste from cafeterias.
 - Melted ice with beverage residues.
 - Water with food waste (lemons, oils, etc.).
 - Leachate from trash bags.
- And more!**



Have you seen this symbol on campus storm drains?
It means that drain connects to the river.
Do NOT throw anything in it!



How Can You Help?

Do not throw trash or liquids into storm drains.
Report illicit discharges.
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Storm drains must be:

- Numbered
- Labeled
- Clean
- Vegetation-free