



Storm Water Management *Only rain in the storm drain.*

Did you know that every time you throw trash on the ground, you could be harming the ocean? You may think that the largest source of water pollution comes from factories and large industrial plants, but the fact is the largest source of water pollution comes from urbanized areas.

Unlike the sanitary sewer system that carries sewage from our toilets and sinks to a wastewater treatment plant where it is filtered and treated, water in storm drains is not treated before entering our waterways.

When it rains, pollutants such as trash, oil, and eroded soil are carried through storm channels directly to our local beaches.

Here are some tips to help prevent storm water pollution:

1. Don't dump anything down the storm drains.
2. Throw your trash in a trash can.
3. Use a car wash instead of washing your car in the street.
4. Don't drip and drive. Fix oil leaks.
5. Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly.
6. Report water leaks or irrigation issues to Facilities Management by calling (949) 824-5444.
7. Report hazardous materials spills or dumping to Environmental Health and Safety by calling (949) 824-6200.

For more information on storm water pollution prevention please visit:

www.ehs.uci.edu/programs/enviro/stormwater/index.html