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HEADLINE: USF Stormwater Management Program

SUMMARY: Learn ways you can help prevent stormwater pollution on campus

Did you know that one gallon of oil can contaminate up to one million gallons of water? Human activity is largely responsible for stormwater pollution. Anything that goes on the ground or down the storm drain can end up in our lakes, rivers, and eventually our drinking water. Examples of stormwater pollution include vehicle washing and maintenance in parking lots, dumping trash or wastewater into storm drains, and allowing runoff from pressure washing into storm drains.

Water in the USF storm sewer system enters Lake Behnke and other area streams, eventually running into the Hillsborough River. In general, curb drains and drains with open metal grates are part of the USF storm sewer system. Any discharge to these structures, intentionally or accidentally, is an illicit discharge and is prohibited at USF.

Remember-Only Rain Down the Drain!

Please visit the [USF Stormwater Management](#) program website to learn about:

- Stormwater regulations
- Why stormwater pollution is harmful
- How you can help USF minimize stormwater pollution

To report illicit discharges or spills to the storm sewer system, please contact Environmental Health & Safety at 813-974-4036. Outside of business hours, contact University Police at 813-974-2628.

