

Protect Our Waterways and Ecology

As water has become scarcer in recent years, added emphasis has been placed on protecting what water we have available. Storm drains play a vital role in the management of our precious rainwater, and our creeks. We need to realize that the water being collected on the Campus grounds is of great benefit to everyone, but if not managed correctly, can cause problems.

Most of the storm drains on Campus can take the water away from the Campus and direct it to Big Chico Creek. Once the water enters the creek, there is little that can be done to remove any of the pollutants that may have been introduced into the water from its collection point.

In the past, it was common to perform many activities where potential pollutants would be washed into storm drains as part of maintenance activities,

fundraising events, and recreational activities. The University would like to encourage the Campus Community and visitors alike, to reconsider any activity that might result in water reaching a storm drain.

In fact, protecting storm drains needs to be a team effort. The Campus Community can help by being aware of the location of storm drains. The University is in the process of marking our storm drains. You will see markings like this:



Or a label may say "No dumping! Drains to Creek."

Don't allow these down the drain

- Ø Pesticides/Herbicides
- Ø Sediment (Soil)
- Ø Concrete/Masonry
- Ø Household Toxics
- Ø Paint
- Ø Wash Water
- Ø Pet Wastes
- Ø Cleaning Supplies
- Ø Polishes/Waxes
- Ø Septic Fluids
- Ø Vehicle Fluids
- Ø Radiator Flushing
- Ø Treated Water

No matter how the drain is marked, help protect the storm drains. If you see something that isn't rainwater going in the storm drain, please contact the Department of Environmental Health and Safety at (530) 898-5126. If it is after business hours, please contact University Police at (530) 898-5555.

If you would like more information regarding the storm water program, please visit our website: www.csuchico.edu/ehs/storm

If you are interested in the City of Chico's Storm Drain Management Program, please visit: www.keepchicoclean.org

"Only Rain Down the Drain!"