

WAYS YOU CAN HELP!!!

Hazardous Waste and Solvents

- Use hazardous substances (paints, solvents cleaners) in the smallest amount possible.
- Store substance properly.
- Clean water based painting supplies over soil.
- Filter and reuse paint thinner.
- Clean up spills immediately



Pet Waste Management

- When walking your pet, pick up the waste and dispose of it properly.
- Flushing pet waste is the best disposal method.



- Do not dispose of pet waste near storm drains, culverts, ditches or waterbodies.

Vehicle Maintenance And Repair

- Use commercial car wash or wash car on a lawn
- Check car for leaks or spills
- Clean up spilled fluids with absorbents (cat litter).
- Recycle used oil and fluids. Do not dump in storm drain

Additional Information

In 1972, Congress amended the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (otherwise known as the Clean Water Act) to prohibit discharge of any pollutant to waters of the United State from a point source unless discharge is au-



thorized by a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

NSU is registered with the VA Dept. Of Environmental Quality (DEQ) as an owner and operator of a small MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sew-

NSU STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION



YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

NSU Environmental, Health, Safety and Risk Management

What is Storm Water?

Storm Water is runoff from rain and snowmelt. Storm water runoff picks up pollutants such as oil, grease, cigarette butts and chemicals which flows directly into streams and lakes unfiltered.



Why should you care???

- Excess nutrients cause algae bloom. Oxygen levels are depleted when algae and decompose. Fish and other aquatic organisms can't breathe when oxygen levels decrease.
- Debris washed into the water can choke, suffocate or disable aquatic life.
- Polluted storm water often affects drinking water sources.
- Household hazardous wastes can poison aquatic life (paint, auto fluids).
- Bacteria and pathogens discharge in swimming areas can cause beach closings.

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Lawn and Garden Maintenance

- Use fertilizers and pesticides sparingly.
- Select native plants and grasses that are drought tolerant and pest resistant.
- Compost or recycle yard waste.
- Cover piles of dirt and mulch to prevent them from washing into drains.
- Sweep up yard debris, rather than hosing down areas.
- Plant grass or vegetation where soil is exposed.



Cigarette Butts and Other Trash

- Put your cigarette butts and other litter in garbage bins.
- If there is not garbage bin handy, hold onto litter until you find one.
- Pitch in and help clean up littered areas.



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Never litter! Keep outside areas trash free.



Do not perform repairs on personal vehicles involving antifreeze, fuels or lubricants on campus.



Prevent spills from entering storm drains.



Recycle paper, aluminum cans, food, grease, cleaning solutions, oil, antifreeze, batteries and fluids.



Dispose of cigarette butts in designated areas.



Clean up spills immediately (inside and outside) to minimize safety hazards and deter spreading.



Use absorbent to clean liquid spills in outside areas.



Store rags properly to avoid contamination of storm water. Chemicals will flow into storm drain during a rain shower.



Keep floors and impervious surfaces free of contaminants. Walk on sidewalks instead of lawns.



Practice good housekeeping inside and outside buildings.



Join the revolution to restore the Elizabeth River. The Elizabeth River Project <https://elizabethriver.org/>



Adopt a Highway <https://www.virginiadot.org/programs/prog-aah-about-adoption.asp>