





# ONLY RAIN DOWN THE **STORM DRAIN**

## DID YOU KNOW...

-  Storm drains do not drain to the sanitary sewer and storm water is not treated at waste water treatment plants.
-  Storm drains are present in developed areas to prevent flooding by transporting water away from development.
-  Storm water is transported by storm drain systems and eventually flows into streams, creeks, lakes, rivers, and the ocean.
-  Storm water can pick up many pollutants along its journey such as trash, sediment and nutrients. All of these can harm wildlife, their habitat and our drinking water supplies.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO TO REDUCE OR PREVENT STORM WATER POLLUTION

<b>SWEEP/RAKE</b>	Sweep or rake up debris on surfaces.
<b>USE LESS LANDSCAPE CHEMICALS</b>	Use less toxic weed and pest control methods. Avoid over watering.
<b>PROPER DISPOSAL</b>	Don't dump chemicals or oil down the storm drain.
<b>DON'T LITTER</b>	Place waste in containers for proper disposal.
<b>POOLS AND SPAS</b>	Properly maintain your pool and spa. Don't drain unless absolutely necessary. Check local regulations when draining.
<b>CAR WASHING</b>	Use a full or self-service car wash that recycles water. When washing cars at home use as little water as possible, use biodegradable cleaning products, and drain water into vegetated or graveled surfaces.
<b>PETS</b>	Pick up animal waste.
<b>REPORT IMPROPER DISCHARGE</b>	
Report improper discharges to the following email address: fsworkcenter@csuci.edu	



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## COMMON URBAN POLLUTANT SOURCES TO STORM WATER



**SOIL AND LANDSCAPE DEBRIS**



**PET WASTE**



**SOAPS/DETERGENTS FROM CAR WASHING OR CLEANING OF OUTDOOR SOURCES**



**ILLEGAL DUMPING/DISPOSAL**



**FERTILIZERS, PESTICIDES AND HERBICIDES**



**LITTER AND TRASH**



**LEAKING VEHICLES**