Ways You Can Protect Our Water

- Wash your car at a commercial/professional facility where the waste water is treated
- Maintain your car regularly to prevent leaks of oil, antifreeze and other vehicle fluids
- Clean up leaks and spills by using absorbent material to soak it up. Collect the material in a bag or container for proper disposal
- Reduce automobile use by car-pooling, riding the bus, riding your bike or walking
- Never rinse paint brushes or cans in the street. Paint brushes should be rinsed in appropriate cleaning vessels. Water-based paint cans should be dried out then put in the garbage bin
- Purchase household and garden products that are "least toxic" to the environment
- Do not over-water lawns and gardens. Over-watering can flush large quantities of pesticides and fertilizer directly into storm drains

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Storm Water

Storm water is not treated in any way before it is discharged into surface water (lakes, rivers, streams). Pollutants sent through the storm drain system can directly affect humans, fish, plant life and wildlife.

Only the following may enter storm drains:
- Rain water
- Irrigation water
- Air conditioner condensate
- Un-contaminated well water

Storm Water Pollution Prevention

The following discharges are prohibited from entering the storm drain system:
- Target Pollutants
  - Motor oils/antifreeze from vehicles
  - Oils from foodservice and oil collection tanks
  - Pesticides/herbicides from grounds maintenance
  - Excess fertilizers from lawn/garden areas
  - Loose dirt, debris, and trash from landscape and open spaces

Report Spills on Campus to Environmental Health and Safety
- Sewage backups outside buildings
- Leakage from grease traps/dumpsters
- Oil/antifreeze leaks from vehicles

http://www.csus.edu/aba/EHS/report-stormwater-pollution.html
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