

MINNESOTA STATE MOORHEAD

PREVENTING STORMWATER POLLUTION



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

*All Stormwater on MSUM's
Campus flows directly into
the Red River*

WHY DO WE CARE ABOUT STORMWATER?

By being careful about what goes down our storm drains, we can keep our lakes and rivers clean.



Leaks



Grass & leaves



Leaks & runoff



Salt & sand



Fertilizer



Trash



Poop



Dirt

Our cities and towns have lots of paved surfaces that carry rain and pollution to storm sewers.



Storm sewers deliver rain and pollution directly to our lakes and rivers.



We want clean water for fishing, boating & swimming.

Healthy ecosystems need clean water.

10 Things You Can Do

to Help Prevent Stormwater Pollution

- Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up driveways, sidewalks, and roads
- Never dump *anything* down storm drains
- Vegetate bare spots in your yard
- Compost all yard waste
- Avoid pesticides
- Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces
- Wash your car on unpaved surfaces
- Check your car for leaks & recycle all motor oil
- Pick up after your pet
- Avoid over-salting in the winter

ORGANIC MATTER



*Organic Matter can be deadly
to Wildlife in the Red River &
Pets in your Neighborhood*



Grass clippings and leaves
wash into gutters, flowing
directly into the river



This influx of organics **depletes
oxygen levels, harming fish
and wildlife**, and creates algal
blooms in ponds that make
the water **toxic to your pets**

GARBAGE

*Trash not only looks horrible,
it clogs drains and pipes,
and doesn't go away!*



Pick up trash in gutters
and on sidewalks



Never throw anything
out your vehicle windows



Cigarette butts take
decades to decay

ALL LITTER

makes its way to the river!



Report Dumping!

If you see anyone contributing harmful materials into a storm drain or onto a paved surface, please report the incident!

► For MSUM on-campus reporting, please contact the Physical Plant or Public Safety

PHYSICAL PLANT

218.477.2662

PUBLIC SAFETY

218.477.2449

► For city wide reporting, please contact *Moorhead City Services Sormwater Hotline*:

218.299.5386

Other Resources:

WWW.RIVERKEERPERS.ORG

WWW.MNSTATE.EDU/EHS