

PREVENTING STORMWATER POLLUTION



MSUM ENVIRONMENTAL, HEALTH, & SAFETY DEPARTMENT

All stormwater on campus flows to the Red River

10 Things You Can Do to Help Prevent Stormwater Pollution

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

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](tel:218.477.2662) PUBLIC SAFETY: [218.477.2449](tel:218.477.2449)

- For city wide reporting, please contact Moorhead City Services Stormwater Hotline: [218.299.5386](tel:218.299.5386)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES: [River Keepers](#), [MSUM Environmental Health & Safety](#), [Minnesota Pollution Control Agency](#)

GARBAGE



Pick up trash in gutters and on sidewalks



Never throw anything out your vehicle windows



Cigarette butts take **decades** to decay



ORGANIC MATTER



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**

