Care should be taken to prevent any substance other than clean storm water from entering storm sewer systems. The University's MS4 Permit only allows clean water discharges into the stormwater system and requires that the University implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) and Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) plans to help facilities prevent the discharge of pollutants into the environment. Additionally, the University has a groundwater protection plan that provides BMPs for covered campus activities to ensure environmental protection. All spills and illicit discharges have the potential to contaminate surface water and ground water.

## DO

- ✓ Properly dispose of all materials and liquids per UKs operating procedures. Any discharge other than storm water into the storm sewer system is considered an illicit discharge and is strictly prohibited by the University's MS4 Permit.
- ✓ Report all illicit discharges or suspected discharges to Environmental Quality Management (EQM).
  - Online: EQM reporting tool
  - Phone: (859) 323-6280 (8am - 5 pm, M-F)
  - After hours/weekends: 911 from a campus phone or (859) 257-UKPD (8573)



**Required Training:** Varies

**Relevant UK Departments:**

- Environmental Quality Management
- Facilities Management
- Facilities Construction Management
- Capitol Project Management
- Grounds
- Athletics
- Utilities and Energy Management
- Students, Faculty, and Staff

## DON'T

Don't intentionally release anything other than clean water to the storm sewer. All intentional violations of the University's MS4 Permit will be taken seriously. The following list includes, but is not limited to, commonly observed violations.

- ✕ Sanitary sewage discharges or overflows.
- ✕ Leachate discharge from dumpsters, waste compactors, and garbage truck spills.
- ✕ Discharges resulting from the cleaning, repair, fueling, or maintenance of any type of equipment, machinery, or facility (includes motor vehicles, cement-related construction equipment, portable toilet servicing, etc.)
- ✕ Discharges of wash water from mobile operations such as steam cleaning, power washing, pressure washing, etc. Includes discharges of soaps, detergents, ammonia, floor cleaning and wax liquids.
- ✕ Discharges of wash water from the cleaning or rinsing of impervious surfaces including parking lots, streets, sidewalks, loading docks, outdoor eating and drinking areas, etc.
- ✕ Discharges from material storage areas containing chemicals, fuels, grease, oil, or hazardous material.
- ✕ Discharges of water containing sediment or construction-related waste.
- ✕ Discharges of food-related waste such as grease, oil, fish processing water, kitchen mat wash water, trash bin wash water, pouring liquids into dumpsters, etc. This includes the improper disposal of unwanted food.
- ✕ Grass clippings blown onto roadways/hard surfaces during and after mowing.

## ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

- ➲ If any questions or uncertainties arise, ask before you discharge. AISs containing additional information and procedures are located on the EQM Stormwater website.
- ➲ Don't assume "normal" operating procedure follows UK's required operating procedures.