Drains

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Facilities & Operations maintains indoor and outdoor sanitary and storm water drains in general fund buildings and outside areas. Report slow or stopped-up drains to the Facilities Service Center at 647-2059 or requests.fo.umich.edu.

Departments must contact Facilities & Operations to make permanent connections to drains. This work is performed at customer expense. Please complete a Facilities & Operations Work Order at requests.fo.umich.edu.

Knowing the relationship between the nearest storm drains and your living and working areas makes it easier to take precautions to prevent materials from entering the storm sewer system and possibly getting into nearby streams, ponds, or lakes. Whenever necessary, the drains should be plugged or bermed to prevent stormwater pollutants (e.g., chemicals, oils, grease, soaps, etc.) from entering the storm system. Even if your activity doesn't require water, it is a good idea to cover the storm drain to prevent any loose material from getting into the system. Sweep the area and pick up the debris instead of washing it down the drain. If sediment or debris is a concern, fabric bag filters can be hung in the catch basin to filter solids from runoff. These bags can be removed when they are full. If possible, divert any water to a vegetated area.

If a spill occurs, respond immediately and follow the Spill Emergency Response Procedures for your department. Contact EHS at 3-4568 or Dept. of Public Safety (DPS) at 911 for all spills that occur on campus. Never wash spilled materials down a storm drain, sanitary sewer, or allow them to evaporate. If improper dumping or discharge is observed on university property, immediately notify EHS at 7-1143 or the Department of Public Safety (DPS) at 3-1131. Report any off-campus dumping into Ann Arbor storm drains to the City of Ann Arbor Water Utilities Department at 994-1760.