

REPORTING AN ILLICIT DISCHARGE

Contact the UWF Environmental Health and Safety Department at 850.474.2525.

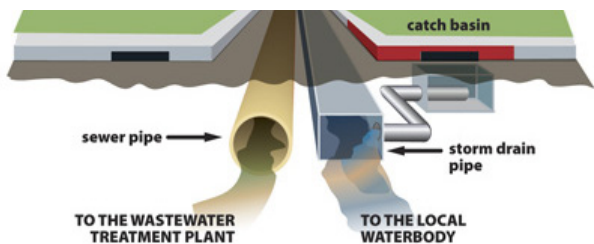
After hours emergency contact the UWF Police Department at 850.474.2415.

Provide the following information:

- Location of the discharge (physical address and/or directions to location)
- What you observed, the date, and time
- Identifying names, marks or numbers on vehicle or facility
- License tag number

Storm sewer systems cannot treat polluted water. Stormwater doesn't get carried to the wastewater treatment plant. Storm sewers transport rain water and everything in it directly to area bodies of water.

Visit the UWF Stormwater Program web page for more information.



RESOURCES

For more information on Municipal Stormwater (MS4) permits, stormwater, and illicit discharges:

UWF's stormwater program:

<https://uwf.edu/finance-and-administration/departments/environmental-health-and-safety/environmental-compliance/stormwater-program/>

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Information:

www.epa.gov

Florida Department of Environmental Protection:

<https://floridadep.gov/water/stormwater>

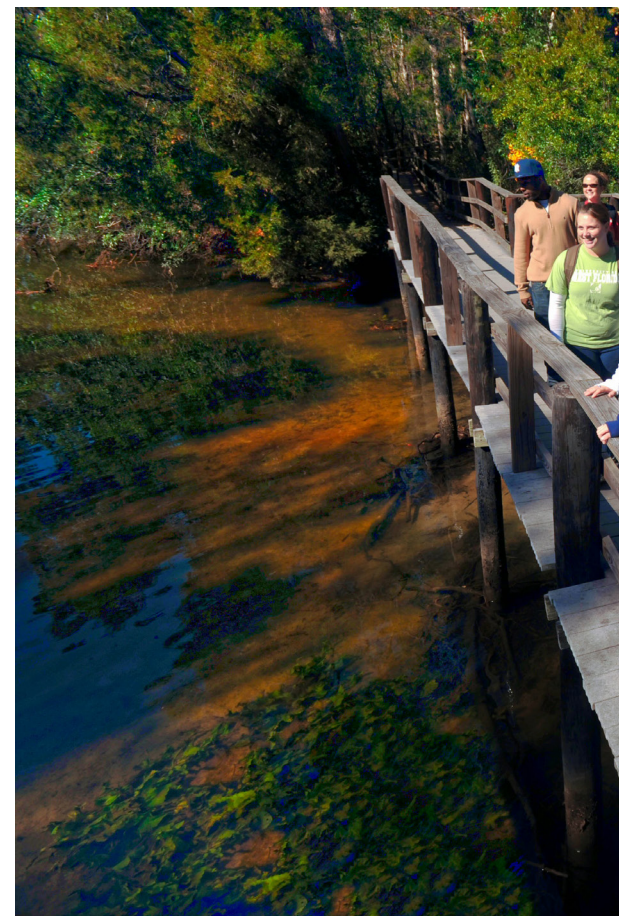


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Protecting UWF's Water

Stormwater and Illicit Discharge



What is Stormwater?

Stormwater is surface runoff, primarily from rain, or runoff water from overwatering that enters the stormwater system.

As stormwater flows across the ground, off a roof, or through a parking lot, it can pick up pollutants such as oil, grease, excess nutrients, debris and sediments.

Stormwater can flow directly into storm drains and eventually to local streams and rivers.

Stormwater that does not soak into the ground becomes surface runoff, which flows into stormwater ponds, waterways or into storm sewers.

If left uncontrolled, these pollutants can:

- Harm fish and wildlife populations
- Kill native vegetation
- Foul drinking water supplies
- Degrade the watershed in which we live

The UWF campus consists of a vast system of streams, rivers and wetlands that are used for recreation, educational activities, sustaining ecosystems, filtering and storing water, controlling stormwater, and recharging groundwater.

UWF has over 40 storm drain outfalls that eventually lead to one of the local water bodies such as:

- Thompsons Bayou
- Ferry Pass Bayou
- Escambia River
- Escambia Bay

UWF is committed to preventing illicit discharges into our waterways.

Illicit Discharge is any discharge to a roadway or drainage ditch, street, curb/gutter or storm drains that is not composed of stormwater.

Illicit Discharges:

- Litter
- Yard clippings
- Pet waste
- Oil and grease from automobiles
- Pesticides and fertilizers
- Sand and dirt from erosion



WHAT YOU CAN DO TO PREVENT ILLICIT DISCHARGES ON THE UWF CAMPUS

- Pick up trash and dispose of it properly.
- Pick up pet waste.
- Don't dump mop water, oil, grease, hazardous waste, solvents, cleaners or paint outside or in storm drains.
- Do not wash vehicles by hand. Use the wash rack located near Building 93.

