

CLEAN CAMPUS, CLEAN WATERWAYS



sweep & bag it

Preventing storm water pollution is everyone's job at NVCC. Rainwater and the water we use to wash vehicles and equipment and hose down sidewalks, driveways, and work areas carry trash, debris, and harmful chemicals like pesticides, fertilizers and motor oil into storm drains. This toxic mess ends up choking our waterways and is a threat to humans and animal life. So as you go about your job, try to use a broom or a rake — not a hose — to keep pollutants from flowing into our waterways. Bag trash and garbage. Dispose of pet waste properly. Check that vehicles and equipment are not leaking oil and antifreeze. These toxins spill onto parking lots and streets and flow into our rivers and streams when it rains, and can kill wildlife. When you wash vehicles, don't pour the soapy water down the storm drain. Learn more about ways to help keep pollutants out of our watersheds by visiting www.nvcc.edu/swim.