Fire Hydrant Flushing

Help improve water quality by minimizing pollutants such as trash, chemicals, and eroded soil from entering the storm drain. Prior to an anticipated rain event, please inspect your area and review these guidelines.

Fire hydrant and water line flushing during service and repairs can be discharged into the storm drain if the water does not contain a significant source of pollutants.

Soil, sediment, and debris cannot be flushed down the storm drain. When servicing fire hydrants, please follow the guidelines below.

Apply water to land if possible.

Inspect and clear the flow path of trash, leaves, and sediment.

Direct water into a storm drain or storm drain channel to avoid spraying the road.

Use gravel bags or fabric filters for sediment control.

Report hazardous materials spills, dumping, or non-storm water discharge into the storm drain system:
Call Environmental Health & Safety (949) 824-6200

Report water leaks or irrigation issues:
Call Facilities Management (949) 824-5444

Contact EH&S at (949) 824-6200 or safety@uci.edu for questions.