

There is a difference between your sink drain and the storm drain...

The Sanitary Sewer System, connected to your sinks, toilets, and floor drains, collects and treats wastewater prior to releasing it back into the environment.

The Storm Drainage System, found in streets, parking lots, and roadside ditches, drains directly to local waterways with no treatment.

Remember:

- ◆ Pollutants left open to the environment wash directly into the storm drainage system.
- ◆ Allowing pollutants to enter the storm drainage system harms the environment and is also illegal.

Employee Training

- ◆ Train all employees upon hiring and each year thereafter.
- ◆ Post these Best Management Practices where employees can see them.
- ◆ Mark storm drain openings with a message that discourages illegal dumping, such as "No dumping! Flows to Creek."

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Clean Stormwater is Important to All of Us

In recent years, federal and state regulations have been created to protect stormwater quality by requiring local jurisdictions to implement stormwater management programs. These programs must include educational outreach to inform the public and businesses of the effects of their activities on stormwater quality. Local ordinances are being put into place to prohibit the disposal of anything except clean rainwater into storm drainage systems.



The Food Service Industry can introduce pollutants to stormwater runoff that drains to lakes, rivers, and streams. It is essential that your business take the necessary steps, using the Best Management Practices described in this brochure, to prevent pollutants from entering the storm drainage system.

Grease and Oil

- ◆ Collect grease and oil in covered leak-free bins. Schedule regular pickups with your local rendering service.
- ◆ Never dump grease, oil, sauces, or fats into the sink drain, storm drain, or dumpster. Dumping oil or grease down the sink can cause severe blockages in the sewer.

Landscaping

- ◆ Minimize use of pesticides and fertilizers. Do not apply in wet weather or allow irrigation to run off.
- ◆ Do not blow, rake, or sweep landscape wastes into the street or gutter.



Dumpster Waste

- ◆ Provide a containment area for your dumpster that prevents wind and rain from transporting loose trash or liquids to the storm drain.
- ◆ Replace leaky dumpsters. Keep dumpster lid closed when not in use.
- ◆ Avoid overfilling dumpster by regular service pickups.



Food Waste

- ◆ Wrap food wastes in plastic bags and place them in the dumpster.
- ◆ Meat fat should be collected in a covered, leak-free tallow bin.

Parking and Storage Areas

- ◆ Keep parking and storage areas free from trash and debris.
- ◆ Keep areas around storm drains clean.

Spills

- ◆ Train employees to properly clean up spills.
- ◆ Keep clean up materials such as rags, cat litter, and other absorbents handy and accessible. Sweep up or absorb the spill, bag the waste, and place in dumpster.
- ◆ Store cleaning fluids indoors so leaks and spills can't reach the storm drain.

Wash Water

- ◆ Sweep, vacuum, or mop outdoor areas instead of hosing or pressure washing. Sweep or vacuum parking lots and drive thru areas regularly.
- ◆ Clean equipment under cover and in a contained runoff area. Be sure to use a mop sink that drains to the sanitary sewer when washing equipment. Never pour wash water outside.
- ◆ Use an approved contract service to clean large kitchen floor mats.

