



Stormwater Pollution Best Management Practices

Food Service Businesses

Cooking waste, including fats, oils and greases, as well as cleaning fluids mop water and trash from restaurants often make their way into local storm drain systems, and do not get treated before reaching local waterways. This pollutes our surface and groundwater resources, making them unsafe for people, fish and wildlife. To protect public health and avoid costly fines, follow these best management practices for pollution prevention.



Cleaning and Maintenance:

- Pour all washwater into a janitorial mop sink or other designated area that drains to the sanitary sewer, not the storm drain.
- Sweep floor mats regularly, discarding the debris into the trash.
- Hose off the mats in a mop sink, at a floor drain, or in an outdoor area that can contain the water. Never hose the mats in an area where the wastewater can flow to the street, gutter or storm drain.

Oil and Grease Management:

- Never put oil or grease down the drain.
- Contain grease and oil by using covered grease storage containers and installing a grease interceptor as required.
- Never overfill your grease storage container or transport it without a cover.
- Provide regular maintenance on your grease containers to ensure proper function.

Dumpster Maintenance:

- Periodically inspect dumpsters to make sure they are weather tight and are not leaking.
- Make sure that lids remain closed when not in use and that rainwater is not allowed to accumulate in the dumpster.
- Never pour liquids into dumpster and never rinse out with a garden hose.

Chemical Handling:

- Use non-toxic cleaning products whenever possible.
- Collect and dispose of unwanted cleaners, solvents and detergents in an environmentally safe manner.
- For information regarding recycling or disposal of these materials, contact the Thurston County HazoHouse at 360-786-5494.

Spill Management:

- Don't hose down spills, but instead use dry methods for spill cleanup (sweeping, cat litter, etc.) Cover, repair or replace leaky dumpsters and compactors, and/or drain the pavement beneath them to the sanitary sewer.
- Before storing outside, wash greasy equipment such as vents and vehicles only in designated wash areas properly connected to the sanitary sewer system with an appropriate oil/water separator.
- Clean floormats, filters, and garbage cans in a janitorial mop sink or other designated area that drains to the sanitary sewer, not the storm drain.

For more water resources information:

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