

DID YOU KNOW?

The **storm drainage system** is separate from the sanitary sewer system. Storm drains collect stormwater runoff and direct it to streams and rivers without any treatment. The **sanitary sewer** collects wastewater from sinks, drains, and toilets and directs it to a treatment facility before it is released to waterways.

Stormwater runoff is generated from rain and snowmelt that flow along **impervious surfaces**--such as paved streets, parking lots, and building rooftops--and does not soak into the ground. The runoff picks up pollutants like trash, chemicals, oils, and dirt that can harm our streams and lakes.

To protect water resources, communities and businesses use stormwater controls, known as **best management practices** (BMPs). Daily cleaning/removing of litter, debris and cigarette butts from outdoor areas is an example of a BMP.



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FOOD SERVICE DOs AND DON'Ts



Stormwater Best Management Practices for Food Establishments



WHAT IS A BMP?

Best Management Practices (BMPs) are activities and/or infrastructure that may help prevent stormwater pollution. Restaurant operations produce waste that, if allowed to enter the storm drains, can pollute the local rivers and streams.

These wastes include:

- Fats, oils, and grease
- Cleaners or solvents for grease
- Food waste
- Discarded food containers and litter

WHAT BMPs TO USE?



DON'T Put anything into a storm drain; these inlets are only for stormwater! Dump mop water in a sink or floor drain.

DO Use sink drains and inside floor drains connected to the sanitary sewer to dispose of mop water and other cleaning wastewater.



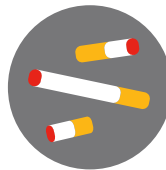
DON'T Pour grease, oil, solids, or oily liquids into a storm drain, or down any sink or floor drain NOT connected to a grease trap.

DO Dispose of grease and oils in an approved grease dumpster, keep the lid closed, and clean up spills.



DON'T Allow grease traps to overflow onto the parking lot.

DO Maintain grease traps and interceptors to prevent sewer overflows. Request regular pick-up service for grease traps and dumpsters! Clean up oil spills with absorbent materials and sweep up.



DON'T Allow employees to toss cigarette butts outside on the ground.

DO Provide an ashtray and regularly clean all outside areas.

DON'T Pressure wash parking lots and allow wastewater to flow toward storm drains.

DO Sweep parking lots and drive-thru lanes daily; any trash/debris should be placed in the dumpster.



DON'T Clean equipment, such as kitchen hoods, outside unless capturing all wastewater.

DO Collect any wastewater from cleaning and dispose of into a drain connected to the grease trap and sanitary sewer.



DON'T Hose out dumpsters. Dumpster 'juice' contains many pollutants, such as oil, grease, sediment, and bacteria.

DO Contact your dumpster company to replace broken or dirty dumpsters. Keep the waste inside the dumpster, the drain plug intact and the lids closed!

