



Pollution Prevention in Food Establishments

The *County of San Diego Watershed Protection Program* supports businesses in their efforts to prevent pollution by offering these important Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs).

- ! Water that is released into the streets, gutters, and storm drains in San Diego County is not treated before it reaches our local creeks, rivers, and the ocean. *These pollution prevention tips for your food establishment will help keep our waterways clean.*

Grease Management

- ☐ Regularly clean grease traps and interceptors.
- ☐ Contract with a grease hauler to regularly service and empty your grease waste.
- ☐ Regularly clean and inspect your grease storage areas.
- ☐ Capture and store used oil, grease, and oily liquids in a grease bin. Do not pour used oil, grease, and oily liquids down a sink, storm drain, or into a dumpster.
- ☐ Tightly close grease bins. Lock lids when possible.
- ☐ Store grease bins securely on level ground or in a contained area to prevent bins from tipping over.
- ☐ Regularly clean grease hood vents (rooftop grease exhaust fans).
- ☐ Use a collection pan to capture dripping grease from grease exhaust fans.

Indoors

- ☐ Sweep and mop floors daily.
- ☐ Use screens on drains to trap solids.
- ☐ Wash mats, filters, and garbage cans in a mop sink or designated area.
- ☐ If mats are too large to clean indoors, contract with a mat-cleaning service.
- ☐ Pour any water containing soap, bleach, or disinfectants into a mop sink.

more tips >>>



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with just
a few steps.



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Outdoors

- ☐ Sweep or vacuum litter and food waste daily.
- ☐ Provide trash cans with lids to discourage littering.
- ☐ Keep dumpster areas and enclosures clean using “dry clean-up methods” and free from debris. If using a shared dumpster, work with others to keep the dumpster area clean and ensure that the dumpster lid is kept closed when not in use.
- ☐ Monitor for irrigation run-off and coordinate irrigation repairs to prevent irrigation discharge to the storm drain.
- ☐ If wet cleaning methods are used, contain all wash water so it does not enter the storm drain.

Employee Training

- ☐ Train all employees on stormwater BMPs, pollution prevention, and spill clean up.
- ☐ Maintain training records on site.

For more information and other ideas, check with local health and sewer agencies, trade association newsletters, and magazines.

- ⚠ **Releasing pollutants directly or indirectly into the storm drain system or waterways is a violation of the County’s Watershed Protection Ordinance (WPO). *Your business is required to comply with the WPO and the following minimum BMPs.***

thank you for doing your part to protect our waterways.



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