COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

WATERSHED PROTECTION PROGRAM

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. All sources of pollution are prohibited from leaving your property and entering streets or storm drains. Only rainwater is allowed in the streets and storm drains. ***These pollution prevention tips for your food establishment will help keep our waterways clean.***

we can **protect our waterways** with just a few steps.

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.

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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.

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 above minimum BMPs.***

thank you for doing your part to protect our waterways.

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