

CLEAN WORKING IN OUR WATERSHED

The watershed is the total land area from which rainwater drains into a stream, river or body of water. The watershed includes all of the natural terrain and neighborhoods, including your business, surrounding these major water bodies. Rain and mishandled wash water from your facility can carry untreated and unfiltered fats, oils, grease (FOG), and cleaning fluids directly into our watershed.

Nothing but rain water may be discharged to a storm drain. It is illegal, as well as harmful, to allow wastes, wash water, cleaning agents, or materials of any kind into the storm drain system.

Make your business part of the clean watershed equation with these simple **Best Management Practices**:

 **DO!**

Cleaning Equipment

When cleaning floor mats, filters, waste cans and other cooking equipment, only do so indoors in a mop sink or near a drain that is connected to the sanitary sewer system where the resulting wastewater will be treated. Do not hose them down in a parking lot or alley.

Cleaning Surfaces

Nonhazardous wastewater from floor and window washing must be collected and disposed of into sanitary sewer system drains like sinks and toilets. Use the least toxic cleaning product available. Look for "non-toxic", or "non-petroleum based" on the label.

Used Grease & Oil

Used fats, oil, and grease (FOG) should be separated according to type, stored in tallow bins or sealed containers and saved for recycling. Never dispose of FOG into a sink, floor drain, storm drain or dumpster. Clean grease traps or interceptors often to prevent overflow or malfunction.

Dry Cleaning Methods

Sweep sidewalks, parking lots and other surfaces regularly instead of hosing them down; keep refuse out of the street. Use paper towels to clean up small spills to keep oil, grease, and solids out of the storm drain system. Rinsing cloth rags will send oil and grease down the drain.

Storage & Disposal of Waste

Never put liquid waste into a dumpster. Regularly sweep around dumpster to remove spilled trash and food waste. Store waste receptacles under cover and keep lids closed to reduce exposure to rain that could wash pollutants into the storm drain system.

 **DON'T!**



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