

# Environmentally Responsible Controls

## Stormwater Best Management Practices



## Food Service Industry

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## Clean Rivers and Pollution Prevention

**M**ost storm drains in the City of Portland carry stormwater directly to our rivers and streams without any treatment. A number of activities at industrial, commercial, and residential sites can add pollutants to stormwater runoff. When it rains, oil and other automotive fluids, pet waste, pesticides, fertilizers, paint, construction debris, and litter are carried in stormwater runoff to the storm drainage system. Pollutants can also enter storm drains from vehicle and equipment washing, and illegal dumping of wastes.

Using the information in this pamphlet can help prevent pollutants from entering storm drains.

### Working for Clean Rivers

Environmental Services has several programs to protect water quality. They include pollution prevention programs for stormwater runoff, wastewater collection and treatment, and enhancement and restoration of natural waterways. The City works to stop stormwater pollution through education, new construction standards, industrial and commercial business inspections, and maintenance of the storm drainage system.

Using Best Management Practices helps stop stormwater pollution.

### Food Industry Problems

The by-products of food-related businesses can harm our rivers and streams if they enter the storm drainage system. Food businesses can pollute water by putting food wastes in leaky dumpsters, not cleaning up outdoor food or chemical spills, or by washing grills, floor mats, filters, and garbage containers and allowing wash water to flow into storm drains. Routine activities such as cleaning pavement, storing wastes, and maintaining delivery trucks can also be sources of pollution unless proper precautions are taken.

### Solutions

Best Management Practices that include the proper handling, storage, and disposal of materials can prevent pollutants from entering rivers and streams through the storm drainage system.



## Waste Disposal

- ✓ Cover dumpsters and other waste containers to keep stormwater out.
- ✓ Inspect dumpsters regularly. Frequently pick up debris around the dumpsters and have your hauler repair or replace leaky dumpsters.
- ✓ Never put liquid waste in dumpsters or trash cans.
- ✓ Recycle grease in separate containers. Never dispose of grease in the storm or sanitary sewer.



## Cleaning

- ✓ Washwater from cleaning filters, grills, floor mats and garbage bins must be discharged to the sanitary sewer system.
- ✓ Provide an inside sink or wash basin for mop water and washing equipment.
- ✓ Sweep sidewalks, parking lots, and all paved surfaces before washing and don't use detergent, hot water, or other cleansers.
- ✓ Clean up spills immediately with absorbent material like rags or kitty litter. Don't hose down spills.

## Employee Training

- ✓ Provide regular employee training on spill cleanup procedures and washing practices.
- ✓ Stencil storm drains to discourage illegal, harmful dumping.
- ✓ Post BMPs where employees can see them.
- ✓ Report illegal dumping to Portland's Pollution Complaint Hotline at 503-823-7180.

**Remember, everything that goes down the storm drain goes directly into rivers and streams. You can help. In the City of Portland, call 503-823-5320 for more information.**