



STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION

Best Management Practices for the Food Service Industry

Water quality is important to all of us. The Town of Cary has storm drains that flow into our creeks, streams and lakes. Anything, other than rain that is discharged into our storm drains can have a negative impact on water quality.

We all have a role to play in protecting our finite natural resources. Please review the following best management practices that will help your business prevent illegal discharges.



Grease and Oils

- Never pour grease into a sink, storm drain or dumpster.
- Collect used grease in a covered, leak free container.
- Schedule regular collection of grease by a licensed contractor.
- Inspect grease traps regularly to ensure that they are functioning properly.

Wash Water

- Pour mop and wash water into the mop sink or floor drain that is connected to sanitary sewer.
- Never pour wash water outside on the ground, which can discharge into the storm drain system.
- Clean floor mats in mop sink or area that drains to sanitary sewer. Do not wash them out on the curb or area that drains to the storm drain system.

Dumpster Areas

- Keep the dumpster lid closed to keep rain out.
- Keep dumpster area clean by inspecting regularly and sweeping up trash that is on the ground.
- Schedule for regular trash removal to avoid overfilling the dumpster.
- Replace leaking dumpsters. Contact your trash service provider to have it repaired or replaced.
- Keep drain plug in dumpster.

Spills

- Use dry methods for spill clean-up. Use absorbents such as cat litter that can be swept up and disposed of in the trash.
- Have a spill response kit available and train employees on its use.
- Do not hose down outside spills.
- Report spills and leaks that enter the storm drain system to (919) 469-4038.

Employee Training

- Train all employees on pollution prevention upon hiring and repeat annually.
- Weekly walk around the outside of the business to observe for illegal discharges or trash.
- Post these Best Management Practices where employees can see them.

For more information, contact Charles Brown, Town of Cary Stormwater Program Analyst, at (919) 469-4038 or visit the Stormwater Management section of www.townofcary.org.