



Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) for Restaurants

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What is Stormwater?

Stormwater is water from rain or melting snow that does not go into the ground but flows across the land as runoff. This runoff flows into storm drains, culverts, and ditches ending up in local streams, creeks, and rivers. The runoff is not treated for any pollutants before entering these waterbodies we use for drinking water, swimming, fishing and other recreational opportunities. In a restaurant setting potential pollutants to stormwater runoff could be but is not limited to trash, grease, cooking oil, cleaning chemicals, and wash water.

Restaurant BMPs to keep stormwater clean

Train Employees on Stormwater Pollution Prevention

- Educate and remind employees how to properly dispose of grease.
 - * Grease disposed in proper containment
- Educate on spill containment and clean up procedures

Dispose of Grease Properly

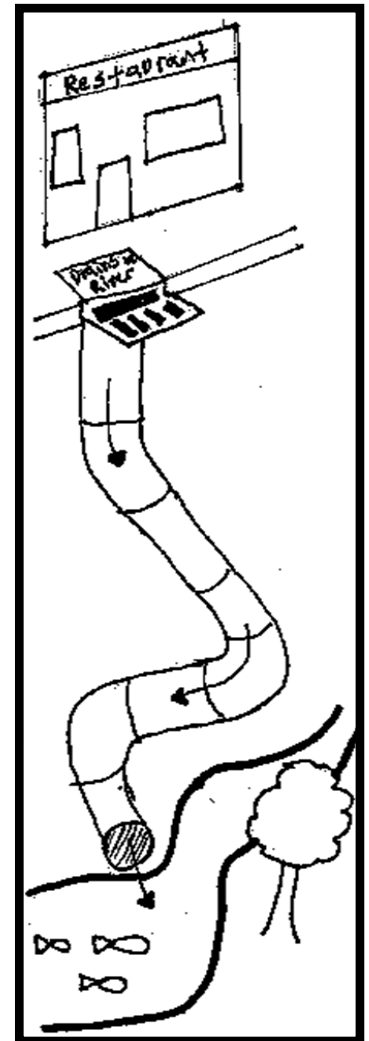
- Handle grease in a way to minimize potential for spills
- Schedule regular grease pick up to prevent overflows.
- Clean and dispose of spilled grease immediately and properly using absorbents like kitty litter or towels

Clean & Maintain Dumpster Areas & Other Outdoor areas

- Pollutants can be food waste, trash, oil and grease, chemicals
- Keep dumpster lids closed
- Keep dumpster drains plugged.
- Use dry cleaning methods like vacuuming or sweeping instead of using water.

Clean Equipment in a Contained Environment

- Clean equipment, floor mats, filters, and garbage can in mop sink, wash rack or floor drain connected to sanitary sewer through a grease trap.



Only Rain Down the Storm Drain

<https://www.ottawaks.gov/stormwater>