



In Summary

Waste or wash water generated by the food service industry often contains materials such as food wastes, oil, grease, detergents, and degreasers. These materials can degrade local waters when allowed to flow into our storm drain system. Unlike sanitary sewers, storm drains are not connected to a treatment plant. Water ultimately flows into our creeks and tributaries.

In addition, if you are caught allowing anything but rain into the storm drain, you could be subject to severe penalties and/or fines, plus the cost of cleanup.

We need to stop stormwater pollution at the source.



Remember:

Only Rain In the Storm Drain

Contact Information

To report a spill during regular business hours call the Public Works and Water Resources Department at 302-366-7000.

After hours contact 911 or the DNREC Emergency Response Hotline at 1-800-662-8802.

Or go to the city's website, expand the "How Do I?" drop down menu, click "Report Spills or Discharge Concerns" and report the spill.

For waste disposal and recycling questions call the Delaware Solid Waste Authority Citizens Response Line at 1-800-404-7080.

For general stormwater program information contact the Stormwater Program Coordinator at 302-366-7000 or visit our website at:

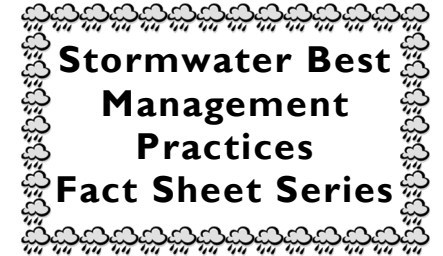
<http://www.newarkde.gov/237/NPDES-Stormwater-Program>



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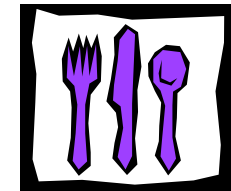
Stormwater Best Management Practices Fact Sheet Series

Food

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This brochure has been prepared to educate the Food Service Industry about safe cleaning and disposal practices in order to protect the water quality in storm drains, and ultimately, the creeks and tributaries in Newark.

Why should I care about Stormwater?

This brochure is intended to educate the restaurant and food industry on safe methods of waste disposal, which minimize the potential for storm water and water quality degradation.

Water that flows into the storm sewer system does not get treated at the waste water treatment plant. It flows through a series of pipes and discharges either directly or indirectly into our creeks and tributaries. To minimize the potential for water quality problems, we need to work together to clean up our stormwater at the source.



Before you allow anything to flow into a storm drain, stop and think about how the water ultimately flows untreated into the creeks and tributaries in Newark.

Cleaning Practices

- *Pour mop and wash water into the janitorial or mop sink, or down floor drains. Do not pour waste water into gutters, alleys, parking lots, sidewalks, or storm drains.*
- *Avoid washing kitchen mats, garbage containers, and other items in areas where wastewater is likely to flow into a storm drain.*
- *Wash greasy equipment only in designated wash areas which are properly connected to the sanitary sewer system with an appropriate oil/water separator.*
- *Use dry methods to clean up after a spill. Don't hose down outside spills. Use rags or absorbents such as cat litter and then dispose of in the garbage.*
- *Keep dumpster and loading dock areas clean. Control litter by sweeping, don't hose down the area. Replace leaky dumpsters and keep lids closed to keep out rainwater.*
- *Sweep up food particles, cigarette butts, and trash from outdoor dining areas before rinsing or steam cleaning. Don't use toxic bleaches when you pressure wash outdoor dining areas or sidewalks.*

Disposal Practices

- *Handle and dispose of grease properly. Save used cooking grease and oil for recycling in tallow bins or sealed containers. Never pour grease into a sink, floor drain, dumpster or storm drain.*
- *Don't throw hazardous waste into the trash or into a storm drain. For hazardous waste disposal questions contact the Delaware Solid Waste Authority at 1-800-404-7080.*
- *Minimize wastes by using non-disposable products such as dishware and cloth napkins. When disposable products are unavoidable, then choose paper over styrofoam.*
- *Use water-based products. Look for the following words on labels: "free of ammonia, phosphates, dye or perfume", "nontoxic", "recycled", or "readily biodegradable".*

