



City of Biloxi Stormwater Fact Sheets

This fact sheet was developed and distributed as a part of the City's Municipal Stormwater Management Plan.

What is stormwater or non-point source pollution?

It occurs when runoff from a rain event picks up pollutants and deposits them in our waterways. Some examples of these pollutants are eroded soil, used oil, pesticides, fertilizers, pet wastes, and litter.

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Restaurant & Food Service



Fats, oil, grease, floor solvents, cleaning agents, food waste, and other trash all contribute to the pollution of our waterways. Food and restaurant related pollutants invade storm drain systems and increase bacteria levels, which harm aquatic life causing beach closures. Floating materials also pollute our waters and reduce the natural beauty of our waterways. This results in a negative impact on aesthetics of our natural resources and tourism/recreation opportunities. By implementing proper cleaning and waste management practices the introduction of these pollutants into our waterways can be avoided.

Grease Management

Grease can collect in the sewer lines and create blockages that cause sewage spills into the storm drain system. Restaurants should:

- Restaurants are required to have a grease trap installed.
- Inspect grease traps regularly for leaks and replace as necessary.
- Properly maintain grease traps by cleaning and pumping regularly.
- Prevent grease from dripping or overflowing when transferring and emptying grease containers.
- Container lids should fit securely to prevent access from vandals and animals.
- **DON'T POUR GREASE INTO SINKS, FLOOR DRAINS, TRASH BINS, PARKING LOTS, LANDSCAPED AREAS, STREETS OR STORM DRAINS.**

Educate Employees

- Train employees on pollution prevention techniques, spill response, hazardous material handling, storage and disposal, and the proper handling of fat, oil, and grease.
- Discuss the importance of keeping our water clean at staff meetings.





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ROUTINE INSPECTIONS

Routine Inspections help ensure your restaurant complies with stormwater requirements.

- Inspect inside and outside of your business for litter.
- Make sure that all pipes inside your building are connected to the sewer system.
- Locate and mark storm drain openings on a map and post it in a common work area.
- Review your current practices and look for areas where you can improve.
- Record any changes that you may to help prevent storm water pollution.

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General Cleaning Operations

- Clean floor mats, filters and garbage cans in a slop sink, or floor drain—NOT the parking lot, alley or sidewalk/street.
- Pour wash water into a janitorial sink—NOT outside in the parking lot, alley or sidewalk/street.
- Use the least toxic cleaning products available, and use cleaning products sparingly.
- Dispose of cleaners and cleaning rags properly.
- Use dry methods for spill cleanup, sweep instead of hosing down.



Solid Waste Handling & Storage

- Keep dumpster lids closed and the areas around them clean. Do not fill them with liquid waste or hose them out.
- Cover, secondary containment and sanitary sewer drain are required for dumpster, ensure your dumpster meets these requirements.
- Inspect all dumpsters before it rains to ensure lids are closed and regularly inspect for leaks.
- Use plastic bags, tied off, to keep dumpsters free of food debris. Never place liquid waste or leaky garbage bags into a dumpster.
- Have cleanup materials readily accessible near the dumpster and loading dock areas in case of an accidental spill.
- Keep dumpster and dumpster enclosures locked to prevent illegal dumping.

- Keep outdoor litter from accumulating by providing trash receptacles and encourage employees and patrons to use them.
- Sweep outside areas regularly and put the debris into the garbage instead of washing down the parking lots into the streets or storm drains.

Prevent Spills

- Keep spill containment kits on hand in case of spill.
- Store kits in convenient locations.
- Clean up spills using rags or absorbents and dispose in the trash. NEVER WASH DOWN A SPILL INTO THE PARKING LOT, STREET OR STORM DRAIN SYSTEM.
- Teach employees the proper use of spill clean up materials.