

About Stormwater Pollution

Stormwater that travels across sidewalks, parking lots, rooftops and other impervious surfaces can flow directly into storm drains. The polluted runoff eventually empties into our local waterways compromising water quality and aquatic life.

Food-handling facilities such as restaurants produce byproducts that can be environmentally harmful if they enter the storm drainage system.

To address this issue, Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority's Stormwater Division created educational materials for restaurant managers and employees for prevention of stormwater pollution. These outreach brochures should be placed in an area commonly accessible to employees.

Questions or Comments?

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Prepare Your Own Spill Kit

Supplies needed...

- ⇒ Covered and labeled trash can or cart to hold spill kit contents
- ⇒ Heavy duty plastic gloves
- ⇒ Large sponges
- ⇒ Kitty litter / absorbent granules
- ⇒ Dustpan
- ⇒ Broom
- ⇒ Paper towel roll
- ⇒ Cloth towels (optional)
- ⇒ Roll of garbage bags
- ⇒ Absorbent pads



Stormwater Pollution Prevention for Restaurants



*You 'otter know...
we all live downstream.*

A MENU of activities...to keep our water clean



Cease the grease

- ◇ Never pour grease into a sink, floor drain, dumpster or storm drain.
- ◇ Save used cooking grease and oil for recycling bins or containers.
- ◇ Contact a local hauling service for grease pickups.

Clean it right

- ◇ Pour mop and wash water into a mop sink or down floor drains—not into gutters, alleys, parking lots or a storm drain.
- ◇ Wash greasy equipment only in designated wash areas that are properly connected to the sanitary sewer system.

Maintain the garbage dumpster

- ◇ Keep dumpster and loading dock areas clean.
- ◇ Control litter by sweeping the area, not hosing.
- ◇ Replace leaky dumpsters and keep lids closed to deflect stormwater.



Be mindful of spills and leaks

- ◇ Use dry methods for spill cleanup.
- ◇ Sweep up spills instead of hosing down areas; do not power wash.
- ◇ Use rags or absorbents such as kitty litter and then dispose of material in the garbage or—handle as hazardous waste when appropriate.
- ◇ Train employees on proper housekeeping methods and spill removal.

Chemical storage and disposal

- ◇ Educate personnel on chemical ingredients; use least hazardous cleaning chemicals.
- ◇ Exhaust all solvents, floor cleaners, detergents and other cleaning chemicals.
- ◇ Discard non-reusable products including cleaning rags by taking products to the proper receptacles for recycling or disposal.

Outdoor and sidewalk areas

- ◇ Sweep up food, cigarette butts and trash from outdoor dining areas before rinsing or steam cleaning.
- ◇ Don't use toxic chemicals or detergents when pressure washing outdoor dining areas, entrances or surrounding sidewalk areas.

