

There is a difference between your sink drain and the storm drain...

The Sanitary Sewer System, connected to your sinks, toilets, and floor drains, collects and treats wastewater prior to releasing it back into the environment.

The Storm Drainage System, found in streets, parking lots, and roadside ditches, drains directly to local waterways with no treatment.

Remember:

- ◆ Pollutants left open to the environment wash directly into the storm drainage system.
- ◆ Allowing pollutants to enter the storm drainage system harms the environment and is also illegal.

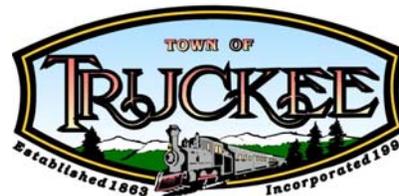
Employee Training

- ◆ Train all employees upon hiring and each year thereafter.
- ◆ Post these Best Management Practices where employees can see them.
- ◆ Mark storm drain openings with a marker that discourages illegal dumping.



For more information...

- Environmental Protection Agency
WWW.EPA.GOV
- Placer County Stormwater Quality
WWW.PLACER.CA.GOV
- Nevada County Environmental Health
530-582-7884



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Stormwater Pollution
Prevention for the

Food Service Industry



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**Town of Truckee
Clean Water Program**



Food Service Industry Activities Can Harm Rivers and Lakes

Did you know Food Service Industry activities can introduce oils, grease, and detergents to stormwater runoff that drains to lakes, rivers, and streams. It is essential that your business take the necessary steps, using the Best Management Practices described in this brochure, to prevent pollutants from entering the storm drainage system.

Equipment and mat cleaning and improper waste and material management can generate runoff that flows along paved surfaces into the storm drain system. From there, it flows untreated to our creeks and rivers where it can harm fish and other aquatic life.

In recent years, federal and state regulations have been created to protect stormwater quality by requiring local jurisdictions to implement stormwater management programs. These programs include educational outreach to inform the public and businesses of the effects of their activities on stormwater quality. Local ordinances have been put into place to prohibit the disposal of anything except clean rainwater into storm drain systems. Activities must be conducted in a manner that prevents pollutant discharges to the storm drain system.

Best Management Practices

Grease and Oil

- ◆ Collect grease and oil in covered leak-free bins.
- ◆ Schedule regular pickups with your local rendering service. Never dump grease, oil, sauces, or fats into the sink drain, storm drain, or dumpster.

Dumpster Waste

- ◆ Provide a containment area for your dumpster that prevents wind and rain from transporting loose trash or liquids to the storm drain.
- ◆ Replace leaky dumpsters.
- ◆ Avoid overfilling dumpster by regular service pickups.
- ◆ Keep bear-proof trash receptacles and dumpsters closed, latched and locked at all times.

Wash Water

- ◆ Sweep, vacuum, or mop outdoor areas instead of hosing or pressure washing. Sweep or vacuum parking lots and drive thru areas regularly.
- ◆ Clean equipment under cover and in a contained runoff area. Be sure to use a mop sink that drains to the sanitary sewer when washing equipment. Never pour wash water outside.
- ◆ Use an approved contract service to clean large kitchen floor mats or bring mats to a car wash. Do not clean outside.



Storm drains flow directly to our rivers, lakes and streams—and the water is not treated.



Food Waste

- ◆ Wrap food wastes in plastic bags and place them in the dumpster.
- ◆ Meat fat should be collected in a covered, leak-free tallow bin.

Parking and Storage Areas

- ◆ Keep parking and storage areas free from trash and debris.
- ◆ Keep areas around storm drains clean.

Spills

- ◆ Train employees to properly clean up spills.
- ◆ Keep clean up materials such as rags, cat litter, and other absorbents handy and accessible. Sweep up or absorb the spill, bag the waste, and place in dumpster.
- ◆ Store cleaning fluids indoors so leaks and spills can't reach the storm drain.

Landscaping

- ◆ Minimize use of pesticides and fertilizers. Do not apply in wet weather or allow irrigation to run off.
- ◆ Do not blow, rake, or sweep landscape wastes into the street or gutter.