

When rain falls and snow melts, the runoff produced picks up a variety of contaminants such as oil, metals, salts, pet waste, fertilizer, and grass clippings as it flows over roofs, roadways, sidewalks and lawns. Stormwater runoff ultimately flows into storm drains.

Remember: storm drains lead directly to our local rivers and streams.

HOW DOES THE FOOD SERVICE INDUSTRY CONTRIBUTE TO STORMWATER POLLUTION?

- Dumping mop wash water, rinsing mats & kitchen equipment outdoors or down a storm drain.
- Poor dumpster management.
- Improper management of FOGs.

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMP):

Behaviors and practices used by individuals and businesses to prevent or reduce stormwater pollution impacts.



FOGS

- Don't discharge Fats, Oils & Grease (FOG) down sink drains, sinks, or storm drains.



GARBAGE BINS

- Be sure garbage cans, dumpsters and grease collection bins are leak free, and covered when not in use.



WASTEWATER DISPOSAL

- Dispose of wastewater containing fats, oils or grease into a grease trap or interceptor. Maintain trap or interceptor.



EDUCATE STAFF

- Post educational materials for employees. Label all storm drains: "Dump No Waste, Flows to River."



PROPER WASHING

- Wash mats somewhere that drains to a sanitary sewer area. Do NOT wash mats or equipment outside.



GREASE DISPOSAL

- Pour cooled grease into a large garbage can or container. Once grease has solidified, dispose of it with regular garbage.

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