

ONLY RAIN DOWN THE DRAIN

Did you know that the storm drain system is separate from the sanitary sewer system? Water from your sinks, toilets, dishwashers, and floor drains are connected to the sanitary sewer system, which transports wastewater to a water treatment plant, where contaminants are removed before being released back into waterways.



The storm drain system, however, collects runoff from parking lots and streets into catch basins, and directs it to rivers and streams without treatment. In the City of Gardena, all of our runoff goes to the Dominguez Channel, which empties into the Pacific Ocean. This is why it is important for restaurants to implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) everyday, to ensure harmful pollutants, such as oil, grease, chemicals from cleaning supplies, and trash do not end up in the Dominguez Channel.



RESOURCES

For more information on the program or to report a stormwater pollution violation, such as as spills, illegal dumping, suspicious fluids, or materials flowing to a catch basin, please contact:

City of Gardena
Public Works Division
1717 W. 162nd Street
Gardena, CA 90247
(310) 217-9568
www.cityofgardena.org



OR

County of Los Angeles
Department of Public Works
+1 (888) CLEAN LA
www.888CleanLA.com

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Stormwater Best Management Practices for Restaurants

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Restaurant activities can harm the environment if proper disposal and cleanup procedures are not followed. With proper training and education, restaurant personnel can prevent debris and harmful liquids from entering the storm drain system. Typical wastes from restaurants include:

- Fats, Oils and Grease
- Cleaning Solutions
- Food Waste



The Dominguez Channel is impaired for bacteria, sediment, PCBs, and other constituents that could come from restaurant activities. By following the guidelines in this brochure, food service establishments can help prevent stormwater pollution from further impacting local waterways.

DOs

- ✓ Maintain and service grease traps, grease interceptors, and sewer laterals routinely to prevent sanitary sewer overflows 
- ✓ Recycle oil and grease by regularly requesting pick-up services to prevent overfilling and retain the servicing manifest for documentation 
- ✓ Sweep outdoor areas such as parking lots and seating areas regularly and dispose of wastes in a sealed trash receptacle. 
- ✓ Keep the lids to outdoor trash receptacles closed and routinely check for leaks that require repair.
- ✓ Clean floor mats, exhaust filters, garbage cans, and other kitchen equipment or appliances indoors, and dispose of the wastewater generated into a floor drain or mop sink connected to the sanitary sewer
- ✓ Use drying agents (kitty litter or other absorbent materials) to clean up outdoor spills

DON'Ts

- ✗ Pour fats, oils, grease, solids, or oily liquids into a storm drain inlet, down a sink, on the ground, or into a dumpster. 
- ✗ Hose down trash or recycling bins, grease storage areas, or parking areas unless storm drains are blocked and water is vacuumed or pumped to the sanitary sewer 
- ✗ Allow grease traps or interceptors to overflow onto the parking lot and into the street. Call the Gardena Public Works Division for guidance!