

# Pollution Prevention STORMWATER

## FOOD AND RESTAURANT

Food waste, grease, cleaning fluids, mop water and trash from restaurant operations often make their way into the San Bernardino County storm drain system, and do not get treated before reaching the Santa Ana River. This pollutes our drinking water and contaminates waterways, making them unsafe for people and wildlife. Follow these best management practices to prevent pollution and protect public health.



### Recycle Oil & Grease

Oil and grease wastes can be recycled. Look in the yellow pages for rendering companies, or call (909) 386-8401 for disposal information. Don't pour oil or grease into sinks, floor drains or onto a parking lot or street. Keep grease bins covered and contained. Keep your grease interceptor maintained to prevent sewer overflows or backups and keep records of grease waste hauling.



### Dumpster Areas

Keep dumpster lids closed and the areas around them clean. Do not fill with liquid waste or hose them out. Call your trash hauler to replace any dumpsters that are damaged or leak.



### Cleaning & Maintenance

Clean equipment, floor mats, filters and garbage cans in a mop sink, wash rack or floor drain connected to the sewer through a grease trap. Don't wash them or pour wash water in a parking lot, alley, sidewalk or street. Sweep outside areas and put the debris in the garbage, instead of sweeping or hosing it into the parking lot or street.



### Managing Spills

Clean food spills in loading and trash areas by using absorbent materials and sweeping then mopping, and discharge mop water into the sewer through a grease interceptor. Have spill containment and cleanup kits available. To report serious toxic spills, call 911.



### Handling Toxic Chemicals

Dispose of all unwanted toxic materials like cleaners, solvents and detergents through a hazardous waste hauler. These items are not trash. For information on hazardous waste pickup, call (909) 386-8401. Use non-toxic cleaning products whenever possible.

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To report illegal dumping or for more information on storm water pollution prevention, call:

**1 (800) CLEANUP**

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