

STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION FOR RESTAURANTS



Do you know where the stormwater goes?



Protect Your Restaurant From Stormwater Fines and Penalties

Regulations and Penalties

Under the Federal Clean Water Act and as required by the Kent Surface Water Design Manual and Kent City Code, your business is required to provide reasonable protection from the accidental discharge of pollutants and prohibited material into the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4), through the use of operational source control best management practices (BMPs).

City of Kent Source Control staff are required to conduct routine inspections, random inspections, and inspections based on complaints received or concerns of possible code violations at businesses that have the potential to generate pollutants.

In accordance with Chapter 7.14 and 7.05 of the Kent City Code, the property owner, the property tenant, or any other person responsible for the entry of pollutants, including FOG (fats, oils, and grease), soap or detergent, or any other non-stormwater into the MS4 may be jointly and severally liable for both civil and criminal penalties.

Protecting Your Business

To reduce potential legal consequences, you should implement proper source control BMPs described in this publication, in and around your business.

Implementing these simple Source Control BMPs also has a few additional benefits:



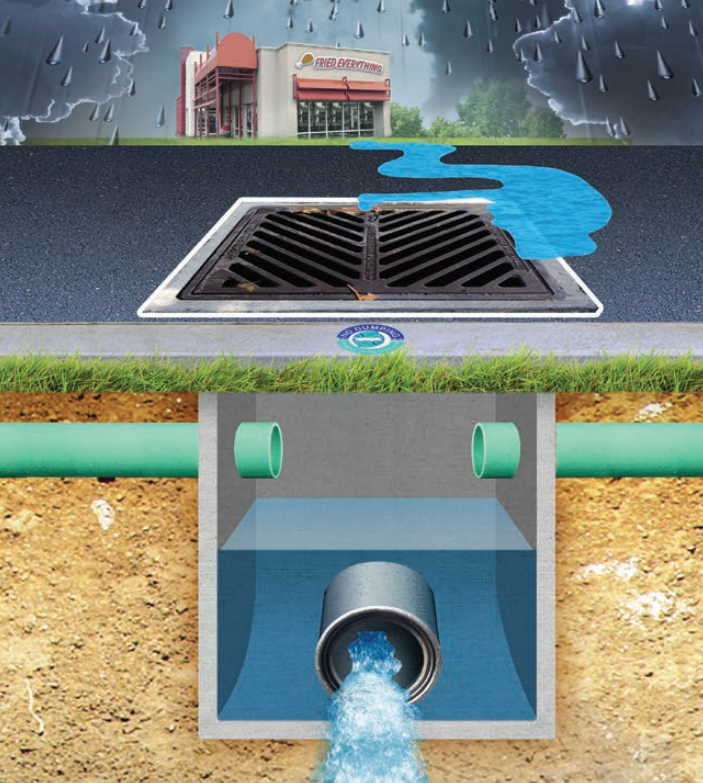
Reduce pests around your restaurant, such as rats, mice and birds



Improve the overall image of your restaurant with your customers



Improve local water quality and wildlife habitat



Only RAIN down the Drain!

Whether you know it or not, your food service establishment drains to a storm drain inlet that discharges untreated stormwater runoff to local streams, wetlands, the Green River, and Puget Sound.

Stormwater runoff picks up pollutants such as soaps, sediment, dumpster juice, FOG, trash, and chemicals that can harm our waterways.

Ensure your restaurant activities protect against stormwater pollution by implementing Source Control BMPs. Be the solution to Pollution – Only RAIN down the drain!

Best Practices for a Clean Kent



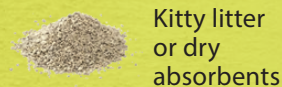
Purchase a Spill Kit

Even if taking all precautions, spills still happen. Have a spill response plan in place and routinely train employees to:

- **Control** the spill in a safe manner.
- **Contain** the spill to prevent the pollution from entering the nearby storm drains.
- **Clean-up** the area with spill response material.

Purchase and maintain your spill kit

Spill kits can be purchased from online suppliers or from most local industrial supply businesses. Your spill kit is meant to be used for all wet spills and leaks outdoors, so it is important to make sure the supplies are replenished often.



Kitty litter or dry absorbents



Zip ties*



Disposal bags



Absorbent pads and socks*



Disposable gloves



Educate employees on the importance of keeping pollution out of the storm drains. Hang the poster on the reverse side on the back door or in a location visible to all employees.



Close dumpster lid after every use. Report broken lids, lids trapped open against a wall, or dumpster leaks/missing plugs as soon as possible for free maintenance or replacement. Contact Republic Services at 425-646-2492.



Apply storm drain markers next to each storm drain inlet to remind workers, customers, and contractors that dumping is prohibited.



You are responsible for the contractors you hire. Be there when service technicians are onsite. Remember, their poor practices can lead to code violations and costly cleanup efforts that could have a big impact on your wallet.



Install and maintain rooftop containment systems to protect stormdrains from chemicals and grease pollution. Block downspout openings when washing roof or servicing equipment. Collect and dispose of wastewater to sanitary sewer or take offsite to a permitted hazardous waste facility.



Reduce flooding and stormwater pollution at your business by:

- Remove debris and trash from grates, swales, and ponds.
- Keeping structures clear! Do not cover or block storm drains.
- Picking up and bagging fallen leaves and landscape debris.

LET'S STOP BUSINESS POLLUTION



Hood filter, cooking equipment and floor mat

Cleaning should take place indoors only where wash water is directed to the sanitary sewer through a pretreatment device (grease trap).



Mop bucket wash water

Dispose of wash water, such as mop bucket water, in a utility sink or toilet. No dumping outside!



Grease dumpster/barrel

Inspect daily and keep lid closed/locked. Scrape grate prior to pouring used cooking oil into container. If a spill occurs, clean immediately. Call for collection pickup when container is 3/4 full.



Garbage and recycle dumpsters

Inspect and sweep around dumpster area daily. Close dumpster lids after every use.



Spills and leaks

Use a spill kit to **control** a spill, **contain** the problem, and properly **clean up** the area.



Cigarette butt receptacle and garbage can

Pick up litter and trash daily. Provide and maintain cigarette receptacles and garbage cans for employee break area and for customers to encourage proper disposal of cigarettes and trash.



Parking lots, drive-thru, and dumpster pad

Hire a cleaning contractor trained to use pollution prevention practices when cleaning hard surface areas. Wash water, soaps and sludge should NEVER enter storm drains.



Report Spills and Water Pollution
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