



Restaurant and Food Industry BMPs

LOCAL ORDINANCES REQUIRE PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Mount Pleasant's storm drainage system is designed to collect storm water during rain events. Eventually, stormwater is discharged, untreated, into the marshes, creeks, and rivers surrounding the Town.

If not properly disposed of, food waste, grease, cleaning solvents, trash, and wash water may be transported to these waterbodies with stormwater runoff. These type of contaminants can degrade water quality and impair the health of fish and wildlife habitats.

Remember, local ordinances prohibit the discharge of non-stormwater, chemicals, and other materials into the storm drainage system.

We need your help to ensure that stormwater runoff does not harm our local waters!

Best Management Practices (BMPs) can help prevent pollution from entering our local water bodies. By implementing the following BMPs, you can help guarantee a safe working environment for you and clean water for all.

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES:

1. **Cleaning** — Do not wash or hose down outside areas (dumpster pads, parking lots, etc.). Instead, keep these areas clean by sweeping and picking up litter and other debris. Pour mop water and wash water into the mop sink or floor drain, not onto the ground outdoors or down storm drains. Have floor mats cleaned at a car wash or carpet cleaning business. Purchase and use water-based cleaning products when available.
2. **Oil and Grease** — Regularly inspect and clean out grease traps. Recycle used oil and grease in approved containers. Never dump oil and grease wastes into storm drains or onto parking lots.
3. **Good Housekeeping** — Minimize spills through good housekeeping practices. If a spill occurs outdoors, clean up immediately to mitigate safety hazards and prevent the spill from reaching a storm drain inlet. For small spills, use an absorbent material, like kitty litter, to clean rather than washing down with water. Dispose of absorbent material in the garbage for municipal pick-up.
4. **Employee Training** — Train your employees to use proper BMPs.



Working together to protect local water quality. *The quality of our waters depends on you!*

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