



Systems:

STORM DRAINS VS. SANITARY SEWER

Storm drain and sanitary sewer systems have two distinct functions. It is very important to understand the difference.

Catch basins are the entryway into the **Storm Drain System** and are typically located at the bottom of a hill or at street corners. This system collects and transports water and other liquids away from these areas and out to a local waterbody untreated. The Storm Drain System does not remove pollutants from water before it is discharged into streams and rivers.



The **Sanitary Sewer System** collects wastewater from indoor plumbing such as sinks, toilets, washing machines, and floor drains where it is transported through underground pipes to a sewage treatment plant. The treatment plant removes many pollutants from wastewater before it is discharged back into a river.



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Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program



Best Management Practices (BMPs)

Food Service Industry



Safe Environmental Habits and Procedure for:

- Restaurants
- Bakeries
- Coffee Shops
- Cocktail Lounges
- Grocery Stores



Remember:
"Only Rain Down the Drain"



STORMWATER POLLUTION SOLUTIONS BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR FOOD-SERVICE FACILITIES

Keeping pollutants from food facilities out of the storm drain system helps the environment.

Discharging wastewater, grease and other materials into the storm drain system is a violation of both the California Health and Safety Code of Stanislaus County and the City Storm Water Ordinance.

Everything washed into the street, down sidewalks and into parking lots, enters the storm drain system and is discharged into our local rivers and streams untreated. Food waste sent down the storm drain system not only creates an odor but help sustain populations of cockroaches, flies and rats. Substances such as detergents, cleansers, and grease can be harmful to aquatic life. Even "biodegradable" cleansers can be harmful when discharged to the storm drain system.



TRAINING:

Employees of food facilities should be trained in methods for keeping food pollutants out of the storm drains.

- 💧 The training should include education about the harmful effects of allowing wastewater and food waste to enter the storm drain system.

RECYCLE:

- 💧 **Never** dispose of liquids in the garbage dumpster.
- 💧 **Keep** the garbage dumpster drain **CLOSED** and inspect for leaks on a regular schedule.
- 💧 **Keep** the garbage dumpster lid **CLOSED** and **LOCKED** (if possible) to keep out rain and scavengers.
- 💧 **Use** garbage bags.



GREASE AND OIL:

- 💧 **Wipe** spills as soon as possible. Use dry cleanup methods, such as kitty litter absorbents.
- 💧 **Maintain** grease traps to prevent overflows and have contents professionally hauled and disposed of. Some interceptors may need to be refilled with water. For pumping and hauling companies, refer to the yellow pages under, "Septic Tanks and Systems."

**TO REPORT ILLEGAL DUMPING OR
A CLOGGED STORM DRAIN:**

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EQUIPMENT CLEANING:

- 💧 **Clean** floor mats, garbage cans and other large pieces of equipment at a mop sink or interior floor drain approved by the Environmental Health Division.

For items that are too large to be effectively cleaned indoors, consider the following options:

- 💧 **Construct** a permanent wash pad that is properly connected to the sanitary sewer system.
- 💧 **Use** a temporary containment area (see "Steam Cleaning Equipment" in the yellow pages.)
- 💧 **Hire** a cleaning service that has the right equipment to properly dispose of wastewater.

MOP BUCKETS AND SINKS:

- 💧 **Never** empty a mop bucket where it will drain to the storm drain system. Always use the mop sink.
- 💧 **Keep** the mop sink accessible. Don't use it to store materials or equipment.



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