



STORM WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMP'S) FOR THE FOOD SERVICE INDUSTRY

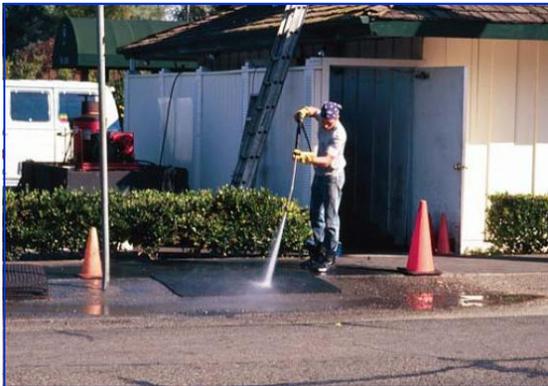
STORM WATER IS IMPORTANT TO ALL OF US

Throughout Dodge City, storm drains flow directly into our local bodies of water. That means anything dumped down a storm drain goes directly to our local bodies of water and aquifers and can negatively impact water quality, including our drinking water.

The City of Dodge City has many programs to protect water quality. They include maintenance of the storm drainage system, enforcement of pollution control regulations and education.



FOOD INDUSTRY PROBLEMS



The by-products of food-related businesses, including bakeries, cafeterias, cafes, caterers, delicatessens, restaurants, and kitchens in clubs, hospitals, hotels, motels, nursing homes, schools and other commercial operations, can harm our creeks and lakes if they enter the storm drainage system.

You may already be implementing many of the best management practices (BMP's) described in this flyer. However, if you discover any potential problem areas, please consider using one or more of the recommended BMP's.

SOLUTIONS

Since preventing pollution is much easier than cleaning up after the fact, the City of Dodge City has adopted ordinances for storm water management. These local ordinances prohibit the discharge of any pollutants into the storm drainage system, streams, lakes, or other surface waters.

Violations of these ordinances could result in local fines of up to \$500 per day, per event.

Following the best management practices for the food service industry that include the proper handling, storage and disposal of materials can prevent water pollution from your business and prevent fines.



GREASE AND OIL

- ◆ Never pour grease into sink drain, storm drain or dumpster.
- ◆ Collect grease in covered, leak-free bins.
- ◆ Schedule regular pick-ups with local rendering service.



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DUMPSTERS

- ◆ Keep dumpster area clean by inspecting regularly and sweeping area.
- ◆ **DO NOT** hose down dumpster and back dock areas.
- ◆ Schedule regular pick-ups to avoid overfilling.
- ◆ Keep plug in dumpster and replace leaky dumpsters.

SPILLS

- ◆ Use dry methods for spill pick-up.
- ◆ Use rags or absorbents like cat litter and dispose of in the garbage.
- ◆ **DO NOT** hose down outside spills.
- ◆ Sweep sidewalks, parking lots and all other paved areas.



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CLEANING

- ◆ When possible, clean hood vent filters and mats inside where the wash water runoff can drain into the sanitary sewer.
- ◆ Do not clean outside without using proper contain and capture practices and never allow wash water to enter a storm drain even when using biodegradable detergents. The term "biodegradable" simply means that the product will not harm bacteria in the sewage treatment plant and that it breaks down faster than more conventional products. Biodegradable detergents can cause a fish kill in a creek just as fast as any other type of detergent.



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