

Proper Food Facility Disposal



What should I do about accidental spills outside?

Preventing spills should be the first priority. However, in an event that a spill **DOES** occur, it must be cleaned up as soon as possible!

Do **NOT** wash the spill or spill residues into a storm drain!

Use dry clean-up methods such as scrapers or absorbent pads.

Report the spill to Environmental Health & Safety during business hours or to dispatch 9-1-1 if the spill does the following:

- ☀ Causes a film, sheen, or discolors the water
- ☀ Causes a sludge or emulsion in the water
- ☀ Is 25 gallons or more and is released into the environment

STORM WATER QUALITY HOTLINE

PLEASE REPORT ANY CONCERNS, ILLEGAL DUMPING INTO STORM DRAINS, OR SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES THAT MAY CAUSE ENVIRONMENTAL HARM TO THE STORM WATER QUALITY HOTLINE: (831) 459-2553.

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Several storm drains are located in outdoor areas near food facilities. Only storm water should go down these drains.

Polluted water must go down designated sanitary sewer systems in order to protect the water quality.

What qualifies as a pollutant?

- Disinfectants
- Organic materials (food waste)
- Oil & Grease
- Toxic chemicals in cleaning products

PRACTICES TO PROTECT AROUND STORM DRAINS

> KEEP FOODS & LIQUIDS OUT OF STORM DRAINS

Make sure food & liquids aren't around storm drains-- they can get washed into the waterways. This can cause contamination in the water quality and damage to the natural ecosystem!

> CLEAN OUTDOOR AREAS WITH A BROOM - NOT A HOSE

A hose will wash potential contaminants into storm drains. Also, don't use cleansers outdoors because the chemicals can contaminate waterways!

> KEEP COOKING OIL WASTE CONTAINERS CLEAN & COVERED

Don't dump cooking oils/grease down the drain! It must be properly disposed.