

## STORM DRAINS VS. SANITARY SEWERS

*Storm drains and sanitary sewers  
serve two distinct functions.*

### STORM DRAINS

- Found in streets and parking lots
- Collect and transport runoff from rainfall
- Drain directly to rivers without any treatment

### SANITARY SEWERS

- Collect wastewater from indoor plumbing (ie. Toilets, sinks, floor drains, washing machines)
- Waste water goes to a sewage treatment plant
- Many pollutants are removed during the waste water treatment process and treated water is discharged to the river

### TRAINING

Food facility employees should be trained to prevent food pollutants from entering storm drains.

Training should include education on the harmful effects of allowing waste water and food waste to enter storm drains.

### VISUAL REMINDERS

Stencil the storm drains near your facility with a "NO Dumping" message. To obtain a stenciling kit, or for more information about controlling storm water, call the City of Dayton Water Department at:  
**(937) 333-3725.**

**DUMP NO WASTE  
DRAINS TO RIVER**



## QUESTIONS?

Contact the City of Dayton  
Department of Water  
Division of Environmental Management  
at **(937) 333-3725**

or check out the website at  
[http://water.cityofdayton.org/Water/em/em\\_main.asp](http://water.cityofdayton.org/Water/em/em_main.asp)

Combined Health  
District of Montgomery County  
**225-4362**  
[www.chdmc.org](http://www.chdmc.org)

Ohio Environmental  
Protection Agency  
**285-6357**  
**1-800-282-9378**  
[www.epa.state.oh.us](http://www.epa.state.oh.us)

To Report Illegal Dumping  
**333-DUMP (3867)**

To Report Spills  
**911**  
or  
Ohio EPA  
**1-800-282-9378**



*Protect the  
Environment*



**POLLUTION  
PREVENTION  
GUIDELINES FOR  
FOOD-HANDLING  
FACILITIES**



## STORM WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION

*Help the environment by keeping pollutants from food facilities out of the storm drain and rivers.*

Discharging waste water, grease, and other materials into the storm sewer system is a violation of the City of Dayton Storm Water Ordinance and the State of Ohio EPA National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit regulations.



Everything washed into storm drains is untreated and ends up in our rivers. Even "biodegradable" cleansers can be harmful when discharged to a storm drain.

River water quality affects the quality of our drinking water.



Wastes from mop buckets, equipment cleaning, grease bins, and dumpsters should **not** be discharged or allowed to drip to an area that drains to the storm sewer system.

### MOP BUCKETS & SINKS

- Never empty a mop bucket where it may drain into a storm drain. Always use a mop sink.

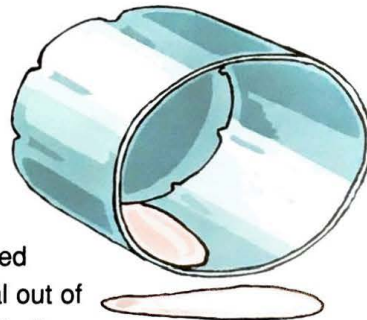


### GREASE AND OIL

- Always use tallow bins to dispose of oils and greases; and recycle the material.
- To minimize spills from oil and grease when transferring to tallow bins, use adequate sized containers equipped with spouts.
- Wipe spills as soon as possible. Use dry cleanup methods (i.e., kitty litter, absorbents, etc.) and sweep up after use.
- Maintain grease traps to prevent overflows and make sure the contents are disposed of properly; some interceptors may need to be refilled with water.

### SPILLS

- For all outdoor spills, use a mop, rag or absorbent material (e.g. kitty litter) to clean up.
- Always keep used absorbent material out of storm drains. Don't allow absorbent to get saturated. Put it in a sealed plastic bag and place in a garbage dumpster.
- Never flush spills to outside drain.



## STORM WATER MANAGEMENT

### GARBAGE DUMPSTERS

- Never dispose of liquids in garbage dumpsters.
- Keep garbage dumpster drain closed and inspect for leaks frequently.
- Keep garbage dumpster lid closed and locked (if possible) to keep out rain and scavengers.
- When the garbage dumpster needs cleaning, call your solid waste hauler for cleaning or replacement.
- Use garbage bags.

### EQUIPMENT CLEANING

- Clean floor mats, garbage cans and other large pieces of equipment at a mop sink.
- Do not clean equipment outside.
- For items that are too large to be cleaned indoors, hire a cleaning service that has the right equipment to contain water and properly dispose of waste water.

### PRESSURE WASHING

- Water from pressure washing outside areas should be collected and discharged to the sanitary sewer or otherwise properly disposed. Never let it flow down storm drains. Use dry cleanup methods to clean outside areas whenever possible.

**Note:** Restaurants that use or hire outside companies to do their pressure washing are still responsible if cleaning water is improperly disposed of into a storm drain.

