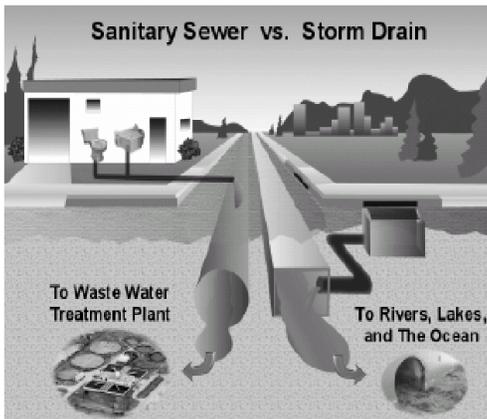


**SYSTEMS:
STORM DRAIN VS.
SANITARY SEWER**

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.

NO DUMPING!

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON

STORMWATER POLLUTION:

Contact your local Stormwater Management Office:

City of Tracy	(209) 831-6333
County of San Joaquin	(209) 468-2179 or 3073 http://www.co.san-joaquin.ca.us/pubworks/NPDES.htm
City of Lathrop	(209) 858-2860 ext. 328
City of Lodi	(209) 368-5735
City of Manteca	(209) 239-2839
City of Ripon	(209) 599-2108
City of Stockton	(209) 937-8791

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR FOOD FACILITIES: Businesses in San Joaquin County contact:

San Joaquin County Environmental Health Department	(209) 468-3420
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TO REPORT ILLEGAL DISCHARGES:

City of Tracy	(209) 831-6332
County of San Joaquin	(209) 468-3055
City of Lathrop	(209) 858-2860 ext. 328
City of Lodi	(209) 368-5735
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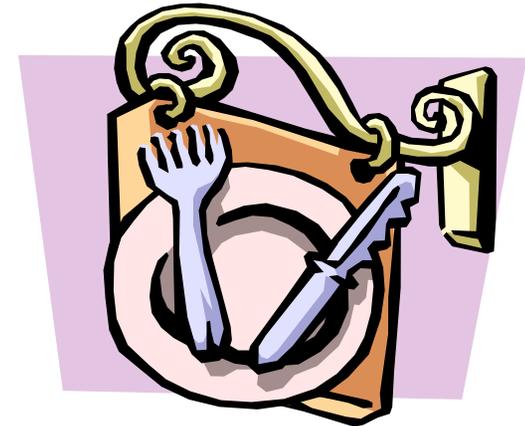


PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT!

**PLEASE
DON'T FEED
THE FISH!**

Help keep pollutants out of the storm drain system.

A practical disposal guide for owners and employees of food-handling facilities in the City of Tracy.



**TRACY STORMWATER
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STORMWATER POLLUTION SOLUTIONS

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR FOOD-HANDLING FACILITIES

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

Food-handling facilities include restaurants, cafeterias, bakeries, coffee shops, and grocery stores. Discharging wastewater, grease and other materials into the storm drain system is a violation of both the California Health and Safety Code of San Joaquin 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.

VISUAL REMINDERS

Use the back of this flyer as a poster to remind employees about the correct disposal methods for food waste and wastewater.

- ⇒ **Request that a marker be placed on the catch basin** (the entryway to the storm drain system) near your facility with the "No Dumping" message. To obtain more information about these markers and how to get them, please call your local stormwater agency.

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.

SPILLS

- ⇒ **For outdoor spills**, use a mop, rag or absorbent material (such as kitty litter) to clean spills.
- ⇒ **Always keep used absorbent material out of the storm drain system.** Don't let the absorbent material get saturated. Dispose of it by placing it in a sealed plastic bag then into the garbage can or dumpster.
- ⇒ **Store cleaning fluids indoors** so leaks and spills can't reach the storm drain system.

GREASE AND OIL



- ⇒ **Always use tallow bins** to dispose of oils and greases.
- ⇒ **To minimize spills** transferring oil and grease to the tallow bin, use containers of adequate size that are equipped with spouts.
- ⇒ **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."

GARBAGE DUMPSTERS



- ⇒ **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.**

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.

PRESSURE WASHING



- ⇒ Water from pressure washing outside areas should be **discharged to the sanitary sewer system or otherwise properly disposed of** without letting it flow to the storm drain system. Use dry cleanup methods to clean outside areas whenever possible.
- ⇒ Restaurants that use outside companies to do their pressure washing are **still responsible if cleaning water is improperly disposed of into the storm drain system.**

Contact numbers and disposal options are listed on the back of this brochure.