

DID YOU KNOW?



It is illegal to discharge waste water or water containing soaps, detergents, cleaning products, grease, etc., into streets or curb inlets.

Curb inlets were designed to drain rain water from the streets to prevent flooding, but the same curb inlets can carry pollution (detergents, disinfectants, grease, trash, etc.) to the nearest neighborhood creek. Storm drains do not remove pollutants.

This brochure is a cooperative effort between the Gwinnett County's Public Utilities Storm Water Management, Distribution/Collections/Meter Services, Environmental Laboratory Divisions and the Gwinnett County Board of Health Environmental Health Section to inform Gwinnett County food service operations about preventing discharges of pollution into the storm drain system.



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for a
cleaner
(and healthier)
environment

A guide for the
food service industry



INSIDE OPERATIONS



Pour wash water into a janitorial or mop sink, not a dish washing sink. Don't pour it out onto a parking lot, alley, sidewalk, or street.



Recycle grease and oil. Don't pour it into sinks, floor drains, or onto a parking lot or street. Grease traps should be cleaned routinely. If you have a grease trap overflow, you should immediately contact your waste hauler.



Clean floor mats, filters, and garbage cans in a mop sink or floor drain. Don't wash them in a parking lot, alley, sidewalk, or street.



OUTSIDE OPERATIONS

CHECK YOUR OUTDOOR CLEANING!

If you are using detergents or cleaning agents (even biodegradable ones), you should not discharge the wastewater off-property. Instead, capture it with a wet vacuum, portable pump, or mop. Pour it into a sanitary sewer clean-out or mop sink. When using outside contractors to wash parking lots, dumpster areas, building exteriors, etc. be sure they capture and properly dispose of the wastewater generated.



Use dry methods for spill cleanup (sweeping, cat litter, etc.) and place solid waste in dumpsters. Don't hose down spills.



Keep dumpster area clean and lid closed. Don't fill it with liquid waste or hose it out. Make sure that the clean-out plug has not been removed and that the dumpster is not leaking.

CLEANING OF ROOF-MOUNTED EQUIPMENT (vents, air conditioning coils, etc.)

If strong chemicals are sprayed on roof-mounted equipment, they flow to the roof drains, into the storm drain, and end up in the nearest creek. You should collect the wastewater and pour it into a mop sink or sanitary sewer clean out.

