



# Stormwater Quality

## Why does stormwater quality matter?

The storm drainage system is designed to collect stormwater — rain and snowmelt — and release it directly into the Colorado River. Pollutants, such as fertilizers, pesticides, oils and other sediments are transported in stormwater as rain and snowmelt travel across lawns, roads, parking lots and other surfaces. This polluted stormwater then enters the Colorado River without filtration or treatment. Contaminants that enter the stormwater system degrade the quality of our drinking water and pollute our fish and wildlife habitats.

## How can you help?

As good stewards of the Colorado River, we must take extra precautions to ensure that stormwater runoff does not jeopardize the quality of our natural water source. Implementing Best Management Practices (BMPs) and reviewing waste management systems will help ensure a safe work environment and provide a cleaner water source for years to come.



**MESA COUNTY**  
PUBLIC WORKS STORMWATER DIVISION

***Protecting Our Rivers.***

# BMP - Stormwater Quality for Restaurants

**Thank you for taking the time to review and apply Best Management Practices (BMP) for stormwater quality in our community. Through education and steadfast improvements, we can protect our rivers and preserve our local fish and wildlife.**

## **Good Housekeeping Practices**

- Avoid spilling onto floors or other surfaces through good housekeeping.
- Clean up spills immediately to minimize safety hazards and prevent spills from reaching a storm drain inlet.
- Use absorbent materials to clean small spills rather than hosing down the area. Remove the absorbent materials promptly and dispose of properly.

## **Cleaning**

- Keep outside areas (dumpsters, parking lots, etc.) free of trash and debris, and regularly clean them to prevent pollutant buildup.
- Control litter by sweeping and picking up trash on a regular basis.
- Sweep up outside areas rather than washing them down.
- Do not dump mop water or wash floor mats or kitchen equipment outside. Pour mop water and wash water into the mop sink or floor drains. Take floor mats to a local car wash for cleaning.
- Whenever possible, purchase water-based cleaning products. Look for products labeled “nontoxic,” “non-petroleum based,” “ammonia-free,” “phosphate-free,” “dye and perfume-free,” or “readily biodegradable.”

## **Oil and Grease**

- Regularly inspect and clean out grease traps/interceptors.
- Always use proper oil and grease recycling receptacles. Never dump oil and grease wastes into storm drains or onto parking lots.
- Use care to avoid spills when taking used oil to the grease receptacle.

**Learn more at [stormwater.mesacounty.us](http://stormwater.mesacounty.us)**



## For Information:

For information on “closed-loop” suppliers and recycling/disposal vendors, contact:

County of Riverside  
Health Services Agency  
Department of Environmental Health  
at (909) 358-5055.

### SPILL RESPONSE AGENCY:

HAZ-MAT: (909) 358-5055

AFTER 5:00 P.M.: (909) 358-5245 OR 911

HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL: (909) 358-5055

RECYCLING INFORMATION: 1-800-366-SAVE

TO REPORT ILLEGAL DUMPING OR A CLOGGED  
STORM DRAIN: 1-800-506-2555

To order additional brochures or to obtain information on other pollution prevention activities, call: (909) 955-1111.

The Cities and County of Riverside  
StormWater/CleanWater Protection Program

**1-800-506-2555**



Riverside County gratefully acknowledges the Santa Clara Valley Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program, Alameda Countywide Clean Water Program and the San Bernardino County Stormwater Program for information provided in this brochure.

# StormWater Pollution

What you should know for...



## Best Management Practices (BMPS) for:

- Restaurants
- Grocery Stores
- Delicatessens
- Bakeries

## StormWater Pollution . . . What You Should Know

Riverside County has two drainage systems - sanitary sewers and storm drains. The storm drain system is designed to help prevent flooding by carrying excess rainwater away from streets. Since the storm drain system does not provide for water treatment, it also serves the *unintended* function of transporting pollutants directly to our waterways.

*Unlike sanitary sewers, storm drains are not connected to a treatment plant - they flow directly to our local streams, rivers and lakes.*

Waste or washwater generated by the food service industry often contains materials such as food wastes, oil, grease, detergents, and degreasers. These materials can degrade local waters when allowed to flow into a storm drain system.

*Stormwater pollution causes as much as 60% of our water pollution problem. It jeopardizes the quality of our waterways and poses a threat to groundwater resources if pollutants percolate through soil.*



## The Cities and County of Riverside StormWater/CleanWater Protection Program

Since preventing pollution is much easier, and less costly, than cleaning up “after the fact,” the Cities and County of Riverside StormWater/CleanWater Protection Program informs residents and businesses on pollution prevention activities such as the Best Management Practices (BMPs) described in this pamphlet.

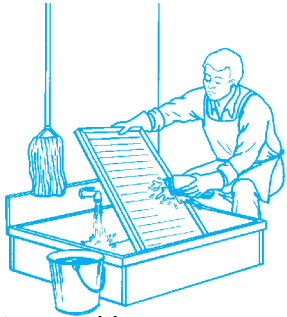
The Cities and County of Riverside have adopted ordinances for stormwater management and discharge control. In accordance with state and federal law, these local stormwater ordinances **prohibit** the discharge of wastes into the storm drain system or local surface waters. This includes discharges from the food service industry containing food wastes, oil, grease, detergents, and degreasers.

**PLEASE NOTE:** A common stormwater pollution problem associated with the food service industry is the discharge of washwater into alleys and gutters, and the hosing down of outdoor areas. Often, these activities flush pollutants into the storm drain system. The discharges of pollutants is **strictly prohibited** by local ordinances and state and federal regulations.

# A Menu of Activities . . . to Keep Our Water Clean

## Cleanin' It Right . . .

Pour mop and wash water into the mop sink or down floor drains . . . not into gutters, alleys, parking lots or a storm drain. Wash greasy equipment only in designated wash areas which are properly connected to the sewer system with an appropriate oil/water separator. Also, avoid washing kitchen mats, garbage containers, and other items in areas where wastewater is likely to flow into a storm drain.



## Watch Out For Spills . . .

Use dry methods for spill cleanup. Don't hose down outside spills. Use rags or absorbents such as cat litter and then dispose of in the garbage, or handle as hazardous waste as appropriate. If necessary, mop the area with a minimum amount of water.



## Proper Storage and Disposal . . .

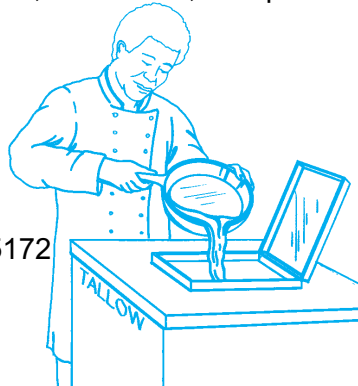
General cleaners, floor cleaners, solvents, and detergents often contain toxic substances. Read labels carefully and store and dispose of these products properly.

REMEMBER: Don't throw toxic waste into the trash or into a storm drain. To report toxic spill call 911. For information on hazardous waste pick-up call (909) 358-5055.



## Grease and Oil . . .

Handle and dispose of grease properly. Save used cooking grease and oil for recycling in tallow bins or sealed containers. Never pour grease into a sink, floor drain, dumpster or storm drain. Watch out for, and report to management, overflowing grease interceptors. Call (909) 358-5172 for disposal information.



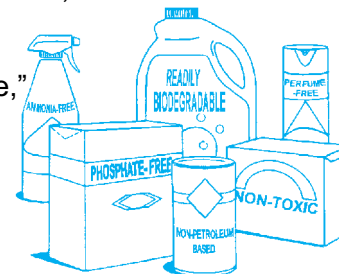
## How 'Bout That Dumpster . . .

Keep dumpster and loading dock areas clean. Control litter by sweeping - don't hose down the area. Replace leaky dumpsters and keep lids closed to keep out rainwater.



## Use Water-Friendly Products . . .

Whenever possible, purchase water-based cleaning products. Look for products labeled "non-toxic," "non-petroleum based," "ammonia-free," "phosphate-free," and "perfume-free," or "readily biodegradable."



## Outdoor/Sidewalk Areas . . .

Sweep up food particles, cigarette butts, and trash from outdoor dining areas before rinsing or steam cleaning. Don't use toxic bleaches or detergents when you pressure wash outdoor dining areas, entrances or surrounding sidewalk areas.



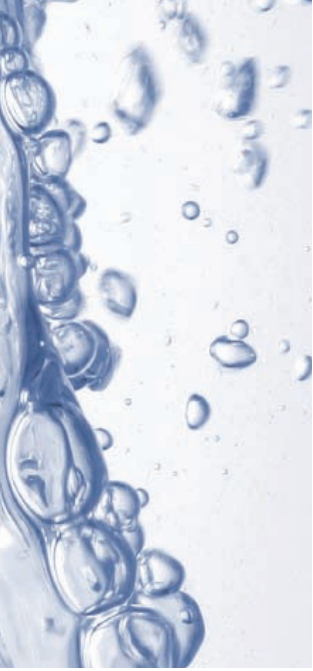
*You may be already implementing many of the BMPs prescribed in this brochure. However, if you discover any potential problem areas, please consider using one or more of the recommended BMPS.*

*Also, please note that the Riverside County Environmental Health Department will monitor potential sources of stormwater pollution activities during regularly scheduled inspections of food service facilities. If Health Department staff observe activities which may be contributing to stormwater pollution, suggestions will be provided and/or use of prescribed BMPS listed in this brochure will be offered.*

**Please remember:**



**Everyone contributes a little to the problem of stormwater pollution. Now it's time for all of us to become part of the solution!**



## An issue that concerns us all. A mission we can all be a part of.

According to a recent government survey, 40 percent of U.S. waterbodies were still impaired by pollution, failing to meet government standards. It's a problem we contribute to – most of the time unknowingly – when we let harmful pollutants run into our storm drains and enter our waterways.

The Nebraska H<sub>2</sub>O program has been established in order to change the statistics and protect our waterways before any more damage is done. But we need your help.



For more information on the Nebraska Stormwater Cooperative's mission to keep harmful pollutants from entering our waters – and to find out more ways you can help – please email us at [info@nebraskah2o.org](mailto:info@nebraskah2o.org) or visit [www.NebraskaH2O.org](http://www.NebraskaH2O.org).

**Contact us**

*Our Water...  
Our Responsibility.*

Created by the Nebraska Stormwater Cooperative to educate the public on the importance of keeping Nebraska waterways pollutant-free.

NEBRASKA  
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## About us

Our mission. Our efforts. Our request.

It's a pretty common belief that the water in our storm drains is filtered or treated before it makes its way into our rivers and lakes.

The truth is, it's not.

When we dump harsh chemicals on our lawns and dispose of toxic substances via storm drains, harmful pollutants enter our waterways, killing fish, destroying wildlife habitats, decreasing aesthetic value and contaminating the water we boat in, swim in – and drink. It's a risk to our environment. . . and a risk to our health.

Using grant funding provided by the State of Nebraska and administered by the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality, the Nebraska Stormwater Cooperative is working to raise awareness and offer alternatives to storm drain dumping through our Nebraska H<sub>2</sub>O program. Almost half of U.S. waterbodies fail to meet water quality standards. It's our goal to change this – to protect our waters and improve the health of our citizens and wildlife.

*(The Nebraska Stormwater Cooperative consists of Grand Island, Beatrice, Columbus, Fremont, Hastings, Kearney, Lexington, Norfolk, North Platte and Scottsbluff.)*



## What you can do to help

Easy tips for keeping our waters clean

### Litter disposal

Dispose of litter by throwing it in a trashcan or recycling it. In addition, do your part by disposing of litter you find in the street or on the sidewalk.

### Washing your car

You can either take your car to a self-service car wash, which is designed with special drains for proper disposal, or wash your car on your lawn. The dirt below will act as a filter for the soap.

### Pet waste

It's best to dispose of pet waste in the trash or, better yet, flush it down the toilet. This water will be properly treated.

### Household chemicals

Cleaning products and other household chemicals should never be dumped outside, down the sink – or down a storm drain. Visit [www.NebraskaH2O.org](http://www.NebraskaH2O.org) and click on our Tips section to find out the location of a facility that will dispose of them properly.

### Fertilizer and pesticides

You'll need to take leftover substances to a designated waste control area. Visit [www.NebraskaH2O.org](http://www.NebraskaH2O.org) to find out the location nearest you.

## More ways to help – for kids and adults!

For more information on ways you can help the effort – and for our special kids-only info – visit Nebraska H<sub>2</sub>O online at [www.NebraskaH2O.org](http://www.NebraskaH2O.org).



STREET VENDOR LISTING		Current as of:	4/1/2025	0										
Applicant/Owner	DBA Name	Permanent Address	City	State	Zip	Phone #1	Phone #2	Vending Location	St Vendor License #	Term of License in Days	Issue Date	Expiration Date	Days Remaining	
Ramon Rodriguez Sanchez	Rodriguez Tacos	409 Santa Fe	Lexington	NE	68850	(308) 651-9336		China Hy Restaurant	2024-001	365	12/7/2023	12/6/2024	-116	Expired
James Bowen	On the Hook Fish and Chips	3717 Cherrywood West Loop	Laramie	WY	82070	(307) 399-3050	(307) 316-4665	Advanced Auto	2024-002	365	2/1/2024	1/31/2025	-60	Expired
Cheryl Aguiar	Wing It	721 County Road	Thermopolis	WY	82443	(970) 231-9965	(307) 250-5551	Bomgaar's	2024-003	365	2/9/2024	2/8/2025	-52	Expired
Zachary Blessin	Brothers Wholesale Meats LLC	2004 Ridgeway Drive	Lexington	NE	68850	(308) 529-1349		Lexington Livestock parking lot	2024-004	365	3/18/2024	3/18/2025	-14	Expired
Travis and Amanda Barkmeier	Paradise Ice LLC	2006 Grafton Dr.	Lexington	NE	68850	(402) 525-9782	(402) 326-5252	Strike and Spare Bowling	2024-005	180	4/8/2024	10/5/2024	-178	Expired
Ma Jesus Guapo and Roman Yanez	Chuy's El Profe	607 Main St.	Ansley	Ne	68814	(308) 872-1297		200 E. 4th	2024-006	365	4/9/2024	4/9/2025	8	Active
Arturo & Alexis Navarrate	Navarrate's Tacos	1103 N Jefferson	Lexington	NE	68850	(308) 325-8671	(308) 746-2544	Dollar Fresh	2024-007	365	4/10/2024	4/10/2025	9	Active
Emmily Monrroy	Drink Eazy	411 E. 14th Street	Cozad	NE	69130	(402) 276-4861	(308) 746-0315	Change Clothing	2024-009	365	4/11/2024	4/11/2025	10	Active
Armando Chavez	Chavez Paleteria	1113 N Washington	Lexington	NE	68850	(402) 810-5142	(402) 591-0441	mobile cart - frozen treats	2024-010	180	4/22/2024	10/19/2024	-164	Expired
Carlos Gutierrez	El Mex Y La Cubanita	1400 N Madison	Lexington	NE	68850	(210) 213-8393		Lexington Livestock parking lot	2024-012	180	4/30/2024	10/27/2024	-156	Expired
Jonathon Vasquez	Jonathon Vasquez	311 W. 8th Apt 2	Lexington	NE	68850	(308) 746-3941		NA	2024-013	365	5/14/2024	5/14/2025	43	Active
	Crumble and Cream Cookie Trailer	2316 Star St	Augusta	KS	67010	(620) 409-0007	Aimee Bryan	Bob's True Value	2024-014	180	5/17/2024	11/13/2024	-139	Expired
German Ramirez	Rosarios	1403 Constitution	Lexington	NE	68850	(308) 325-5412		soccer fields	2024-015	180	5/23/2024	11/19/2024	-133	Expired
David Lopez Ortiz	Antojitos Letty, LLC	401 Elm Street	Lexington	NE	68850	(308) 746-8797	(308) 325-1874	Advanced Auto	2024-016	365	6/5/2024	6/5/2025	65	Active
Wilson Vasquez	Belen Pupuseria	1302 N. Harrison	Lexington	NE	68850	(712) 267-4802		Advanced Auto	2024-017	365	6/12/2024	6/12/2025	72	Active
Aldolfo Zamora Fernandez	Alzados Al Carbon Juarez	65 Prairie Lane	Lexington	NE	68850	(308) 324-8665	(308) 325-8720	Latino Tax	2024-018	365	6/17/2024	6/17/2025	77	Active
Roger Schnieder	Schneider Concession	407 Calvert	Elwood	NE	68937	(308) 746-1685	(308) 785-8180	Dollar Fresh	2024-019	180	6/27/2024	12/24/2024	-98	Expired
Patrick Lafleur	Cajun Prairie	79736 Arnold River Rd	Callaway	NE	68825	(308) 529-7380		Orschlen's - 1701 Plum Creek Parkway	2024-020	180	7/12/2024	1/8/2025	-83	Expired
Robert Wallace	Bob's FunFoods	302 N Fillmore #65	Lexington	NE	68850	(308) 217-2720		various - sno cones/beverages	2024-021	180	7/22/2024	1/18/2025	-73	Expired
Iridian Gomez	Snacks Guererro LIC	75450 Road 435 Lot 43	Lexington	NE	68850	(531) 220-1084		Fruit Snacks	2024-022	365	7/24/2024	7/24/2025	114	Active
Jonathan Benjamin	The Smoking Crab & Seafood	2611 27thStreet #12	Great Bend	KS		(254) 415-9947		Bomgaar's - 1701 Plum Creek Pkwy	2024-023	180	9/5/2024	3/4/2025	-28	Expired
Ramon Yanez And Ma. Jesus Guapo	Chuys El Profe Food Truck (2)	607 Main St.	Ansley	NE	68814	(308) 872-1297		Change Clothing	2024-024	365	9/27/2024	9/27/2025	179	Active
Juan Rodriguez	El Sazon Taquizas	601 S. Plum Creek Parkway	Lexington	NE	68850	(308) 325-1499		El Sazon	2024-025	365	10/18/2024	10/18/2025	200	Active
Kori Scholl	Smash Bros Burgers	1874 S. Florence CT.	Wichita	KS	67209	(620) 409-0007		Dollar Fresh	2024-026	180	11/8/2024	5/7/2025	36	Active
Jessica Borgeson	Backyard Butchers	1620 S. Friendswood Dr Ste	Friendswood	TX	77546	(832) 660-5986		Bomgaar's - 1701 Plum Creek Pkwy	2024-027	180	11/13/2024	5/12/2025	41	Active
Maria Sanchez	El Senor de los Mariscos	1905 DaVista Lane	Lexington	NE	68850	(308) 320-0282	(308) 320-0736	Bob's True Value	2024-028	365	11/20/2024	11/20/2025	233	Active