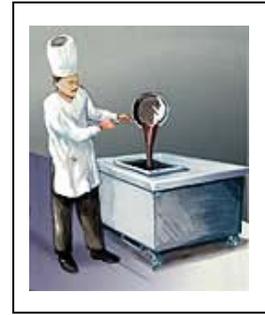


RESTAURANTS AND FOOD SERVICE

Food waste, grease, cleaning fluids, mop water and trash from restaurant operations often make their way into the City of Lompoc's streets and storm drain system, and are not treated before reaching the Santa Ynez River. This pollutes our drinking water and contaminates waterways, making them unsafe for people and wildlife.



Follow these best management practices to prevent pollution, protect public health and avoid fines or legal action.

Cleaning & Maintenance: Clean and rinse equipment, floor mats, filters and garbage cans into a mop sink, wash rack or floor drain connected to the sanitary sewer through a grease trap. Don't wash them or pour wash water in a parking lot, alley, sidewalk or street. Sweep outside areas and put the debris in the garbage, instead of sweeping or hosing it into the parking lot or street.

Recycle oil & grease: Oil and grease wastes can be recycled. Look in the yellow pages for rendering companies or for disposal information. Don't pour oil or grease into sinks, floor drains or onto a parking lot or street. Keep grease bins covered and contained. Keep your grease traps properly cleaned and maintained.



Dumpster areas: Keep dumpster lids closed and the areas around them clean. Do not fill with liquid waste or hose them out. Call your trash hauler to replace any dumpsters that are damaged or leak. Do not wash down, or steam clean, trash enclosure area or trash bins unless you capture and collect the wash water and dispose of it into the sanitary sewer. Hire a mobile pressure wash business that is familiar with the storm water regulations to clean these areas, and make sure they provide you with a record of proper wastewater disposal.

Managing spills: Use dry methods for spill cleanup, sweeping and using cat litter instead of hosing spills down with water. Have spill containment and cleanup kits available to clean-up any spills on your property. To report serious toxic spills, call (805) 736-8115 or 736-8116.

Handling toxic chemicals: Dispose of all unwanted toxic materials like cleaners, solvents and detergents through a hazardous waste hauler. These items are not trash. Use non-toxic cleaning products whenever possible.

