



# Restaurant and Food Industry

## BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Here are a few simple practices to reduce polluted runoff at local businesses such as restaurants, lunch counters, bakeries, food processors and distributors, and grocery stores.

1. Routinely sweep the dumpster area to keep it clean. Keep the lid closed to prevent water from getting in and refuse from blowing or being carried out by animals. Wipe up any spills with rags or other absorbent material immediately. Do not dispose liquid wastes into the dumpster and do not hose it out. Repair or replace leaky dumpsters.



2. Pour wash water into a janitorial or mop sink. Do not pour it into a storm drain or onto a parking lot, alley, sidewalk, or street.



3. Clean floor mats, filters, and garbage cans in a mop sink or over a floor drain. Do not wash them in a parking lot, alley, sidewalk, or street where the wash water could pollute storm runoff.



4. Recycle grease and oil. Don't pour it into sinks, floor drains, or onto a parking lot or street. Pouring grease and food scraps down the sink can clog pipes and back up sewers.



5. Use dry methods (absorbent material and/or sweeping) for oil and grease spill cleanup instead of hosing the spill into a drain, street, or parking lot.



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or to participate in volunteer programs on O'ahu

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Both the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the State of Hawaii Department of Health (DOH) have identified restaurants and other food industry establishments as a major source of storm water pollutants. Leaking trash bins or containers and improper waste disposal, such as dumping wash water food scraps, grease, or oil onto a parking lot, alley, sidewalk, street, or other area exposed to rainfall can cause pollution if storm water runoff picks up contaminants from these activities. Also, dumping food scraps, grease, or oil into sinks or floor drains clogs pipes and causes sewer backups.

Implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs) will help prevent or minimize the discharge of pollutants to storm water from restaurants and other food industry establishments.

The City and County of Honolulu Department of Environmental Services Storm Water Quality (SWQ) Branch works with businesses to minimize discharges of pollutants into the storm drainage system. This system is protected by a number of Federal and State laws and City ordinances.

### Laws and Ordinances

The Federal Clean Water Act gave the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) the authority to implement water pollution control programs. Local statutes and ordinances address compliance and enforcement of the EPA's mandates.

The Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, Section 14-12-23(a) Environmental Quality Control-Violation states, "It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge or cause to be discharged any pollutant into any drainage facility which causes a pollution problem in state waters, or causes a violation of any provision of the city NPDES permit or the water quality standards of the State of Hawaii."

### For More Information

Call the City's Environmental Concern Line at 768-3300 or visit our website at [www.cleanwaterhonolulu.com](http://www.cleanwaterhonolulu.com) to:

- Report any situation that may pollute storm drains, waterways and beaches
- Report a clogged storm drain or catch basin
- Request fact sheets and educational materials
- Schedule a presentation on polluted runoff and BMPs or a walk-through assessment of your facility
- Volunteer to clean up a portion of a stream, City block, or stencil storm drains with the message, "Dump No Waste, Protect Our Waters ... for Life"



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Emergency or spill in progress, call **911** or Hawaii Department of Health, Hazard Evaluation & Emergency Response: **(808) 586-4249, (808) 247-2191** (after hours)

**Discharging pollutants to the storm drain system is against the law. Violations can result in fines of up to \$25,000 per violation, per day.**