

FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS



Food waste and the byproducts of food-related cleaning can harm the environment if they enter the storm drain system. Examples include leaky dumpsters, washing mops or mats outside, and spilling oil & grease while dumping into rendering containers.

PROTECT THE SEWER SYSTEM

Your restaurant likely utilizes a grease interceptor, a device that captures fats, oils, grease, and solids from kitchen wastewater prior to discharge into the sewer. It must be maintained and pumped in accordance with the requirements found in your Environmental Control Permit.

MINIMIZE GREASE LOADING



Post "NO GREASE" signs above or on sinks.



"Dry wipe" pots, pans, and plates before washing in sinks or loading into dishwasher.



Screen or filter out food solids at your drains to prevent discharge to the sewer.



Use paper towels to soak up oil & grease on fryer baskets.

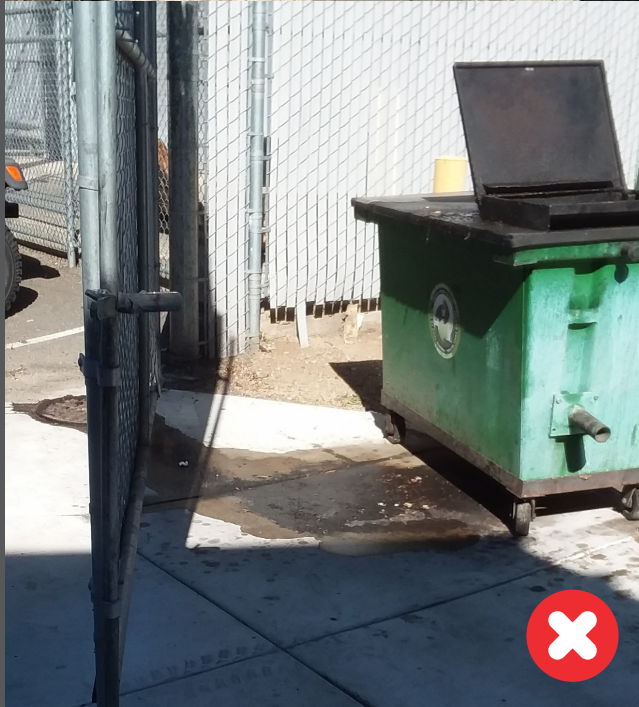


Don't pour fats, oils, & grease (FOG) into floor drains, sinks, or dumpsters – recycle instead.



Snake or water jet blockages between the kitchen and interceptor.

Refer to your City of Reno Environmental Control Permit, if you have one, for requirements specific to your facility.



PROTECT THE STORM DRAIN SYSTEM

Most outside drains feed directly to the Truckee River or other water bodies!

Stormwater is not cleaned or filtered in any way. Pollution that reaches the storm drains affects water quality and the health of fish, wildlife, plants, and people.

Do your part to prevent stormwater contamination from your business. It's the right thing to do, and it's the law!



Cover dumpsters, compactors, and rendering containers, and clean up any leaks.



Don't wash kitchen equipment or food contaminated materials outside.



Ask your garbage hauler to exchange a dirty or damaged dumpster for a new one.



Store containers away from storm drains.



Use absorbent pads or other material to clean up spills around outside containers.



Check for and remove any blockages in trench drains.



Communicate with your employees...

It's your responsibility to make sure they understand that protecting storm drains is important to your business and the environment.

