

Did You Know?

Storm drains are NOT connected to the sanitary sewer system and a wastewater treatment plant.

What are Storm Drains?

The primary purpose of a storm drain is to carry rainwater away from developed areas to prevent flooding. As rainwater flows over the ground it picks up a variety of pollutants which then flow to local stormwater ponds, ditches and the Red River.

Stormwater Pollution

Stormwater pollution comes from a variety of sources including dirt, debris, automobile fluids, pesticides and other hazardous materials. The City of Moorhead is committed to improving water quality and reducing the amount of pollutants entering waterways.



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Best Management Practices For Restaurants



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Stormwater Pollution Prevention

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Only Rain in the Storm Drain!

Best Management Practices (BMPs)

Restaurants contribute to stormwater pollution through improper cleaning practices that allow food particles, oil, grease, trash and other cleaning products to flow into the streets, gutters and the storm sewer system. These discharges pollute the Red River and are prohibited by law. Below are recommended BMPs for restaurants.

- ◆ Sweep, mop or vacuum instead of using a hose to clean outdoor areas.
- ◆ Always clean equipment including floor mats, grease filters, grills and garbage cans indoors or in a covered outdoor wash area that is connected to the sanitary sewer.



- ◆ Clean equipment in a mop sink if possible (never in a food preparation sink). If your restaurant does not have a mop sink, dedicate an indoor cleaning area where there is a drain that is connected to the sanitary sewer.
- ◆ All mop water from cleaning floors must be disposed of indoors in a mop sink, toilet or other drain that is connected to the sanitary sewer.
- ◆ Dry sweep pavement areas including drive-through, parking lots, outdoor eating areas and dumpster or tallow bin areas frequently. If you must use water for cleaning, use a mop & bucket and dispose of the wash water in a mop sink or floor drain that is connected to the sanitary sewer.
- ◆ Major cleaning of exterior surfaces must include capturing all wash water and disposing it to the sanitary sewer in compliance with local regulations. Wash water should not be allowed to enter the street, gutter or the storm sewer system.
- ◆ NEVER pour wash water outside or into a street, gutter or storm sewer system.
- ◆ All wastewater containing oil and grease must be disposed of in a grease trap or interceptor. All concentrated waste oil and grease must be collected in a tallow bin and disposed of by a certified waste grease hauler. NEVER pour grease or oil into a sink, floor drain, storm drain or dumpster.
- ◆ Use dry methods for spill cleanup. Rags or absorbents such as kitty litter can be used to pick up liquids or grease. Sweep up absorbents, seal in a plastic bag and dispose in the trash.
- ◆ Keep outside areas free of trash & debris. Clean outdoor eating areas frequently using dry cleaning methods such as sweeping or vacuuming.
- ◆ Never wash down a dumpster or tallow bin with a hose. Check dumpsters regularly for leaks. If a dumpster or tallow bin must be cleaned or repaired, contact the leasing company.