



Food Establishments

The *City of Escondido's Environmental Programs Division* supports businesses in their efforts to prevent pollution by offering these important Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs).

Water that runs into the streets, gutters, and storm drains in Escondido is not treated before it reaches our local creeks, rivers, and the ocean. *These Best Management Practices will help keep our waterways clean.*

Grease Management

- ❑ Have a licensed grease hauler service your trap or interceptor on the cleaning schedule prescribed by the Environmental Compliance. Keep records from trap and interceptor cleanings.
- ❑ Regularly clean and inspect your grease bins. Monitor liquid levels to avoid overfilling.
- ❑ Capture and store used oil, grease, and oily liquids in a grease bin. Do not pour used oil, grease, and oily liquids down a sink, floor drain, storm drain, or into a dumpster.
- ❑ Grease bins must have a secured lid or covering, and if stored outside must be under a cover with secondary containment.
- ❑ Store grease bins securely on level ground or in a contained area to prevent bins from tipping over.
- ❑ Regularly clean grease hood vents (rooftop grease exhaust fans).

Indoors

- ❑ Sweep and mop floors daily. Mop water must be disposed of indoors in a mop sink or other sewer drain.
- ❑ Use three-eighths (3/8) inch or smaller screens on drains to trap solids.
- ❑ Wash mats, filters, and garbage cans in a mop sink or designated area with a drain to the sewer system.
- ❑ If mats are too large to clean indoors, contract with a mat-cleaning service.
- ❑ Pour any water containing soap, bleach, or disinfectants into a sink.

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Best Management Practices



Outdoors

- ☐ Clean litter and food waste daily by sweeping and vacuuming.
- ☐ Provide trash cans with lids to discourage littering.
- ☐ Keep dumpster areas clean and free from debris by using dry methods such as sweeping and vacuuming.
- ☐ Keep dumpster lids closed when not in active use. If there are no dumpster lids, construct a permitted cover over the enclosure.
- ☐ Monitor for irrigation run-off and coordinate repairs to prevent discharge to the storm drain.
- ☐ If outdoor areas need to be power washed, there must be containment in place for the liquid and a recovery method such as a vacuum system to capture and dispose of it.
- ☐ Dispose of all water into a drain to the sewer system. Never let wash water enter the storm drain.

Employee Training

- ☐ Train all employees on stormwater BMPs, pollution prevention, and spill clean up.
- ☐ Maintain training records on site.

For more information and other ideas, contact Environmental Compliance at the Hale Avenue Resource Recovery Facility (HARRF) at 760-839-6290.

Releasing pollutants directly or indirectly into the storm drain system or waterways is a violation of Escondido's Municipal Code (Chapter 22). *Your business is required to comply with the Municipal Code and these minimum BMPs.*

Thank you for doing your part to protect our waterways.

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