



Food Preparation or Service

Best Management Practices (BMPs) for Stormwater Protection

Stormwater enters our storm drainage system and discharges directly to the Rio Grande **without treatment**. Wastes should not be disposed into our storm drainage system. It is important to keep these pollutants from entering our waterways.

Pollutants of concern include (but are not limited to): fats, oils, grease, degreasers, sediment, trash, and bacteria.

Best Management Practices

Below are suggested practices to prevent negative impacts to stormwater quality.

- **Educating** employees on these BMPs is key to proper implementation.
- **Recycle** used oil and grease.
- **Never** pour oil or grease into sinks, floor drains, and especially not into parking lots, streets, storm drains, ditches, or arroyos.
- If mopping is necessary for cleaning food or grease spills, discharge mop water through a **grease trap**.
- **Never** dump mop water outside.
- Clean equipment, floor mats, filters, and garbage cans in a mop sink, wash rack, or floor drain connected to a **grease trap**.
- If a septic system is in place, install a **grease trap** before water enters septic tank and perform **regular maintenance** to prevent overflow.
- **Post signs** for no littering and have sufficient trashcans in parking lots.
- **Never** discharge anything into parking lots except clean water.
- **Never** wash out grease bins.

Only Rain in the Drains!



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- » Keep grease and trash in closed bins and **never** let them overflow.
- » Take precautionary measures before cleaning parking lots to ensure that water from cleaning activities does not enter storm drains, streets, ditches, or arroyos.
- » **Frequently** remove trash from parking lots to prevent floatables from entering stormwater.
- » Keep grease and trash in closed bins and **never** let them overflow.
- » Spills while transferring grease into bins happen; **immediately** clean spills, grease bins, and areas surrounding grease bins using an absorbent and sweeping.
- » **Post signs** for no illegal dumping around trash and grease bin enclosures.
- » **Never** clean areas around grease bins by washing off with soaps or degreasers unless there is no chance of this running off onto streets, storm drains, ditches, or arroyos; clean with an absorbent and dry sweeping.

Reporting and Resources

For questions or to report a discharge, spill, or other environmental violation, please visit the website

“Submit an Environmental Complaint”

(<http://www.bernco.gov/public-works/report-water-waste.aspx>),

Email: water@bernco.gov

Phone: (505) 224-2100

Bernalillo County Natural
Resources Services

www.bernco.gov/stormwater
www.bernco.gov/pollutionprevention

Albuquerque Metropolitan
Arroyo Flood Control
Authority

www.amafca.org

Middle Rio Grande
Stormwater Quality Team

www.keeptheriogrand.org