

Restaurants and Stormwater

What you can do to protect water quality in Steamboat Springs...

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Possible Pollutants

Litter
Trash from overfilled dumpsters
Pollutants leaking from
dumpsters
Oil and grease
Wash water from outdoor
washing

Good Housekeeping

Proper Cleanup and Disposal
Procedures
Employee Training



Stormwater picks up pollutants as it flows over the ground or paved areas and carries pollutants into the storm drainage system directly into the Yampa River. Restaurants are required by law to prevent pollutants such as grease and trash from entering the storm drainage system. The following best management practices (BMPs) can reduce or eliminate exposure of pollutants to stormwater.

GENERAL

- Clean up spills immediately to minimize safety hazards and prevent spills from reaching a storm drain inlet.
- Use absorbent materials to clean small spills rather than hosing down the area. Remove absorbent materials promptly and dispose of properly.

OIL AND GREASE

- Regularly inspect and clean out grease traps/ interceptors. Never dump oil and grease into sanitary sewer.
- Always use proper oil and grease recycling receptacles. Never dump waste into storm drains or parking lots.
- Use care to avoid spills when taking used oil to the grease receptacle.
- Cover all grease, recycling, and trash bins.
- Contact your service provider if exterior bins need cleaning or emptying. Never dump oil or grease into sanitary sewer.

CLEANING

- Keep outside areas (dumpsters, parking lots, etc) free of trash and debris.
- Do not dump mop water, wash floor mats, or kitchen equipment outside. Pour mop water and waste water in to the mop sink or floor drains. Take floor mats to local car wash for cleaning.
- Sweep up outside areas rather than washing them down.

EMPLOYEE TRAINING

- Train applicable employees on this written procedure. Information regarding how to avoid and report spills should be included.

