

Rain runoff and snowmelt from streets and parking lots discharge into the storm drain systems.



Pollutants, like food waste, cooking byproducts, trash, and cigarettes are carried with stormwater and

released untreated into creeks and ponds, degrading the quality of our precious water resources.

**Proper disposal of food waste, grease, and oil prevents water pollution!**



*Keep it clean,  
Cause we're all down-*



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Arvada Stormwater  
6701 Indiana St  
Arvada, CO 80007  
Phone: 720-898-7807



CITY OF ARVADA

*This may effect you!*

## PREVENT WATER POLLUTION

## FOOD SERVICE OPERATIONS

- Restaurants
- Delis/Bakeries
- Grocery Stores
- Convenience Stores
- Food Stands

Use best management practices to prevent water pollution.



## Sources of Pollution

Stormwater collection systems carry rainwater and snowmelt, and any other discharge into nearby creeks and ponds. Decaying food waste and leaking dumpsters contribute bacteria. Grease pit overflows from systems not well-maintained substantially degrade the quality of our water. Wildlife habitat is threatened and the natural beauty of the landscape is reduced as trash settles on creek banks.

### Sources of pollution include:

- Trash
- Fats, Oil, Grease
- Floor Solvents
- Cleaning Agents
- Cigarettes
- Food Waste
- Paper Products
- Styrofoam
- Pressure Washing



**Notify the City of accidental discharges by calling: 720-898-7807.**

## Best Management Practices for the Food Industry

**Best management practices (BMPs) promote activities that reduce water contamination.**

- ◆ Wash water must be disposed of in a mop sink or floor drain.
- ◆ Do not rinse garbage cans and floor mats in a parking lot, street, or alley.
- ◆ Use non-toxic, all-purpose cleaners and dispose of cleaning supplies properly.
- ◆ Dispose of liquid waste down a sink or garbage disposal, not in the dumpster.
- ◆ Tie off plastic bags to keep dumpsters free of food debris.
- ◆ Keep dumpsters in an enclosed area with lids closed. If possible, lock the enclosure.



- ◆ Sweep outdoor areas regularly and dispose of debris in the trash.

- ◆ Never wash down spills from the sidewalk or parking lot. Use dry cleaning methods.
- ◆ Do not allow pressure washing wastewater to flow to the gutter. Capture and properly dispose of wastewater in the sanitary sewer.
- ◆ Install cigarette receptacles at designated areas located at least 15 feet from the door.



## Best Management Practices for Waste Control



Dispose of excess food waste in appropriate trash containers. Never put excess food waste down a sink, toilet or floor drain.

Properly inspect and clean grease trap interceptors on a routine schedule. Wastewater Collection Staff will regularly inspect all grease interceptors and external grease bins.



Contain spills using absorbent material (such as kitty litter), then sweep and dispose in trash or wipe up excess.

Do not dispose grease into storm sewers, gutters, parking lots, streets, alleys, trash bins, channels or creeks.

Never position bins for used grease near stormwater flow paths or channels.

