Outdoor Festivals and Events

Outdoor festivals and events have the potential for pollutants to enter into the City’s storm sewer system. All storm drains lead to Arvada’s waterways, not to a wastewater treatment plant. Resulting impacts of water pollution can range from oil floating on the water to adverse effects on local wildlife.

Fat, Oil and Grease (FOG) Disposal

- Use a FOG recycling vendor, if available
- Transport cooking FOG off-site for recycling
- Clean spills promptly with a dry material such as kitty litter, sweep and dispose of it in trash receptacles.

Grey Water Collection and Removal

- Collect and dispose of kitchen wash water into the sanitary sewer or dispose on vegetation (liquid only, no chemicals or solids).

Portable Toilet Service

- Ensure portable toilets are staked down
- Use a licensed waste hauler to dispose of portable toilet waste
- Confirm that the units are removed as soon as the event is completed

Mud

- Do not allow participants to drive off of streets when muddy
- Should mud tracking occur, be prepared to sweep the streets.

Power Washing/Wash Water

- Wash water from power washing must be collected and disposed of in the sanitary sewer or
- Directed towards landscaping if minimal water and no chemicals or soap is used

Trash Collection and Removal

- Empty waste containers regularly to prevent overflow
- Store waste containers under cover or on grassy areas, if possible
- Check waste containers for leakage and repair leaking containers
- Do not wash out waste containers outdoors.
- Pick up loose trash and debris

By disposing of waste properly, your business can help ensure a healthier Arvada. As a reminder, wash water can never be disposed of in the City’s storm drains or streets (Section 50-52 of the City of Arvada Municipal Code). Arvada Utilities hopes that you will use this information as a reminder of proper wash water disposal.