

Best Management Practices for Food-Related Cleaning Activities

The goal: "Only rain in the storm drain."
The strategy: Keep pollutants from 1) contacting rain and; 2) being dumped, blown, swept, washed, or poured into storm drains.

Category/Activity	Washing or Washwater Conditions	Discharge Options			Best Management Practices (In Order of Preference)
		Storm Drains	Sanitary Sewer (1)	Landscaping/ Dirt Area (2)	
<u>Restaurant Alleys, Grocery Dumpster Areas</u> (outdoors)		NO	YES	NO	<u>Best:</u> dry clean only (using rags, absorbents, sweeping debris). <u>2nd:</u> dry clean first, seal storm drain, wash area, screen out particles, discharge washwater to sanitary sewer.
<u>Restaurant Cleaning of Floor mats, Exhaust Filters, Etc.</u>		NO	YES	NO	Washing mats outdoors and discharging washwater to storm drains is prohibited. <u>Best:</u> clean mats inside building and discharge to sink or floor drain. <u>2nd:</u> clean mats outside in bermed area; discharge washwater to sanitary sewer.
<u>Kitchen Grease</u>	Recyclable oil, grease and meat fat	NO	NO	NO	Save for recycling in sealed containers; never pour into sink, floor or storm drain; do not mix with waste grease from trap.
	Grease from interceptor or trap	NO	NO	NO	Never dispose of waste grease in storm drain or sanitary sewer; contact disposal company.
<u>Grocery Carts</u>	Using soap	NO	YES	NO	Capture washwater; filter particles; discharge to sanitary sewer.
	No soap	YES	YES	See note 2	Pick up litter. <u>Best:</u> capture washwater; filter particles; discharge to sanitary sewer. <u>2nd:</u> discharge to storm drains through filter barrier (boom); hot water discharge to creek is prohibited.
<u>Lunch Wagons/Food Carts</u>		NO	YES	NO	Equipment should be cleaned on wash pad at commissary equipped to discharge washwater to sanitary sewer. Contact County Health. Only melted ice may drain to storm drain.

(1) "Discharge to sanitary sewer" means discharge into sink, toilet, or sanitary system cleanout. Approval of the wastewater

agency is needed and may require compliance with local regulations or limits; initial sampling; installation of pre-treatment equipment; payment of connection fee; and/or obtaining a wastewater discharge permit.

(2) This option applies to minimal discharge flows only. Repetitive use or excessive waste volume to the same area may contribute to soil or contamination. Washwater may adversely affect landscaping; discuss with building owner.

Area	Wastewater Agency
Cities of Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, Oakland, or Piedmont	East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD): 510/287-1651
Cities of Dublin or Pleasanton	Dublin-San Ramon Services District: 925/846-4565
Cities of Fremont, Newark, or Union City	Union Sanitary District: 510/790-0100
City of Hayward	510/881-7900
City of Livermore	925/960-8100
Cities of San Lorenzo or Castro Valley	Oro Loma Sanitary District: 510/276-4700
City of San Leandro	510/577-3434