

## FOOD RELATED BUSINESSES

### & Pollution Prevention



Pollution prevention practices reduce the risk and cost of: property damage, site contamination, spill clean-ups and fines for violations; while increasing public image, process efficiency & savings.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Report improper discharges into the storm sewer to:

**Adams County  
Stormwater Hotline**

**(720) 523-6400**

**[swq@adco.gov.org](mailto:swq@adco.gov)**



Report emergencies to 911 immediately

- Dumping into storm drains
- Illegal connections into ditches or ponds
- Pollutants leaking from dumpsters
- Trash or yard waste along waterways
- Sanitary overflows



ADAMS COUNTY

STORMWATER

4430 S Adams County Pkwy  
Brighton, CO 80601

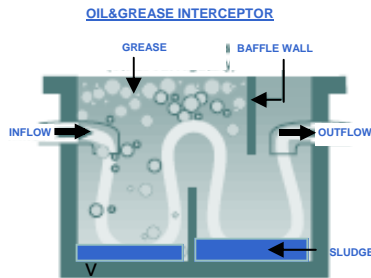
Ph: 720.523.6400  
[www.adcogov.org](http://www.adcogov.org)

### # 3 - Oil & Grease Waste

Recycle oil and grease, do not drain into sinks, indoor or outdoor floor drains. Use absorbents (kitty litter or paper towels) to pick up spills before mopping. "Dry wipe" pots, pans and kitchen utensils before washing dishes to reduce load on **oil/grease interceptors**.

### OIL/GREASE INTERCEPTOR

An oil/grease interceptor is a holding tank designed to separate grease from wastewater before discharging into the sanitary sewer system. The interceptor is plumbed to kitchen sinks, fixtures and floor drains. The tank slows down the greasy wastewater allowing grease to cool, solidify and rise to the surface of the tank. Food scraps settle at the bottom of the tank as sludge. Larger grease interceptors are placed outdoors, below ground. Grease traps are smaller and are located under kitchen sinks or below the floor. Both need to be maintained regularly.



### # 4 - Dumpsters

- Don't over fill the dumpster. Use the correct size dumpster for your establishment. Overflowing dumpsters indicate that you need a larger size or more frequent collection. If dumpster is full, call your solid waste hauler.
- Close dumpster lids to keep rain out and trash in.
- Don't wash out dumpsters or dumpster area. Use dry cleaning methods and sweeping.
- Dumpsters are not watertight. Never dispose of liquids in the dumpster. Use bags and seal food waste before placing into dumpster.

# POLLUTION PREVENTION

## For Food Businesses

Improper disposal of solid or liquid waste by food establishments may have a direct impact on our creeks and streams. Managers need to understand that interior drains discharge into the sanitary sewer, but outdoor drains discharge directly into the environment. Outdoor cleaning activities may become an illicit discharge. Adams County prohibit illicit discharges into the storm sewer. Good practices will help keep our stormwater clean.

It is illegal for spills and waste from food service facilities to flow into storm drains which lead to our creeks. Here are some practical ways you can prevent pollution from entering our creeks.

# EMPLOYEE TRAINING

Inform employees about: environmental effects of improper waste disposal, building layout, outdoor drainage pattern, potential pollution sources and proper disposal practices. Indicate location of grease barrels, traps or interceptor, including maintenance procedures. Ensure contractors, landscapers, pressure washers, and painters are aware of their responsibility to protect stormwater.

Visit [www.colorado.gov](http://www.colorado.gov) for Pollution Prevention (P2) information and grants for businesses.

# Stormwater Protection

- Never pour oil or grease into the storm sewer.
- Cover outdoor grease containers to avoid rain or snow from causing overflows and spills.
- Wipe spills using absorbent materials.
- Never powerwash or hose down spills.
- Keep sidewalks and parking lots free from litter.
- Eliminate illegal cross connections between the sanitary and storm sewer.
- Post signs about spill response procedures.
- Keep spill kits accessible and ready for use.
- Don't wash garbage bins, hoods or mats outside.
- Don't discharge waste from mop buckets, equipment cleaning and bins outdoors. Use mop sink.
- Stencil storm drains on your property with a "Dump no Waste" message.
- Limit the application of sand/salt, deicer, fertilizer, and pesticides. Follow instructions on label.
- Maintain private storm drainage structures.

### EMPLOYEE BULLETIN BOARD AND TRAINING

Post brochure in a common employee area. Provide training to employees for daily tasks to prevent spills and illegal discharges.

### INTERIOR CLEANING/MOP SINK

Wash mats, kitchen hoods, filters, and garbage cans indoors. Never pour wash water into storm drains, alley, or gutter. Do not sweep or wash materials out the back door.

### DUMPSTER AND RECYCLING AREA

Must be covered at all times. Do not allow bin to overflow. Dumpsters and trash cans need to be inspected for leaks and be replaced immediately if leaks are found. Contact your service provider if your dumpster does not have lids or it leaks.

### SPILL RESPONSE KIT

Keep a spill kit handy to clean up spills.

### STORM DRAINS

Storm drains flow directly to our creeks. Nothing but rainwater should enter them. You must prevent pollutants from entering a storm drain or from leaving your site.

### SIDEWALKS AND PATIOS

Sweep up food and trash, then wash. Dispose of wash water into indoor floor drain or mop sink. Wash water may NOT be discharged into a storm drain, alley, or gutter.

### EMPLOYEES, TENANTS, AND CONTRACTORS

Make sure your employees and the companies you hire (e.g. trash haulers, grease recyclers, and pressure washers) know how to do the job right!

It is illegal to dump anything onto a paved surface or into a gutter or storm drain.



### GREASE BIN

- Keep grease container covered and clean.
- Contact service provider if bin is not clean.
- Wipe off or scrape up grease spills.
- Have grease picked up by rendering company.
- Grease spills may result in fines.
- Check your grease trap weekly.