**Stormwater Pollution Prevention**

**RESTAURANTS AND FOOD HANDLING FACILITIES**

**Dispose of grease and oil safely**
Recycle grease and oil. Do not pour it into sinks, floor drains or onto a parking lot or the street. Keep grease bins covered and contained. Reduce the amount of grease washed down the drain by scraping off trays, grills, and pans into a grease can. Maintain grease traps and interceptors to prevent overflows by having them pumped regularly. For removal of waste grease, look in the yellow pages under “Greases”.

**Maintain garbage dumpsters**
Keep garbage dumpster lids closed to keep out rain, rodents and to prevent illegal dumping. Keep litter from accumulating around docks by providing trash receptacles and encouraging employees to use them. Never dispose of liquids in the dumpster. Inspect for leaks on a regular basis and have bins replaced when necessary.

**Clean mats, equipment and sidewalks**
Clean floor mats, garbage cans and other similarly sized equipment at a mop sink or interior floor drain connected to a sanitary sewer. Use a broom, not water, to clean sidewalks. If this isn’t possible, washwater should be re-routed to a landscaped area. It needs to be diverted slowly so it can penetrate the soil. DO NOT allow washwater to run off into the street, gutter or storm drain. Storm drains flow directly to local waterways. You can prevent pollution of our creeks and Bay by keeping food, grease, and other pollutants off streets and sidewalks and away from storm drains.

**Clean spills**
For small spills or drips, put absorbent material like kitty litter on the spill to contain it. Sweep up the used absorbent, place in a secure bag, and deposit in a secure trash bin. For larger spills that could reach storm drains, call 911.

**Use mop buckets and sinks**
Never empty a mop bucket outside or where it can drain into a storm drain. Always dump mop water into a janitorial or mop sink - not where food prep is done. Keep the mop sink accessible. Don’t use it to store materials or equipment.

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To safely dispose of hazardous waste, call 485-5648. In Novato, call 892-6395.