Stormwater Pollution Prevention Guidelines

Restaurant and Food Service Industry

Using this Check List can prevent or reduce the discharge of pollutants from your business by using measures to prevent runoff pollution and protect stormwater conveyances and waterways.

Storm Drains

- Do storm drains have markers?
- Are drains clear of debris, stains, broken parts, etc.?

Cooking Oil and Grease Containers

- Are outside grease and oil containers stored properly (away drains from drains, away from dumpsters, on flat surfaces, etc.)?
- Are containers placed where all employees can easily access and pour waste into the container?
- Are the outside of the containers and the grate openings clean?
- Are the container lids closed?
- Are containers for transporting waste to the outside containers appropriate (appropriately sized, have lids, handles are secure, etc.)?

Mop Sinks and Other Wash Areas

- ☐ Is the mop sink free of clutter?
- ☐ Is the mop sink accessible to all employees?
- Are mats washed in the mop sink or in such a way that the wastewater is disposed of properly?

Dumpster and Recycling Bins

- Are dumpsters and recycling bins located away from drains?
 - Are bins leaking or unplugged?
- ☐ Are the lids closed on the bins?

Other Outside Areas

- Are outside areas kept free of litter and debris?
- Is there improper storage in outside areas?
- Do loading docks with drains have practices in place to prevent improper disposals?

Miscellaneous

- Are contractors who clean exhaust fans, hoods, and roofs made aware that all wastewater must be contained and disposed of into a sanitary sewer drain with a grease trap?
- Is there a spill kit for grease and oil spills, and are employees trained on how to use it?
- Are employees trained on proper housekeeping methods, spill clean-up, and stormwater pollution prevention?

Discharges to the stormwater conveyance or waterways is considered an illicit discharge and is subject to enforcement under Section 5 Article IV.

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