



Restaurant Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs)

Restaurants play a vital role in the community, but also have special concerns and responsibilities when it comes to keeping our water clean.

It's important to ensure that restaurant activities protect against stormwater pollution. When it rains, stormwater can pick up and wash pollutants right into Maui's storm drain system, which then flows directly into streams and the ocean. These Best Management Practices (BMPs) for restaurants can help prevent pollutants from entering storm drains.



DID YOU KNOW?

Common stormwater pollutants from restaurants include **leaking trash bins** and **wash water from cleaning dumpsters, parking lots, oil and grease spills**. Also, when not managed properly, **fats, oils, and grease (FOG)** can **clog sewer pipes**, which can back up the sewer and cause a sewage spill.

MINIMIZE WASTE

- Avoid using Styrofoam, plastic or paper products
- Use non-disposable products like ceramic, metals or glassware as much as possible
- Use cloth napkins rather than paper
- If disposable products must be used, try to use biodegradable or sustainable options
- Use recycled or recyclable containers, when possible

EDUCATION

- Include BMP training in orientation and reviews for employees
- Display BMP guides where visible to both employees and customers



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TRASH STORAGE

- Keep dumpster lids closed
- Avoid exposing dumpsters to rainfall
- Inspect dumpsters for leaks and repair as needed
- Do not dispose of leaking containers or bags, or uncontained liquids
- Use dry methods (absorbent material and/or sweeping) to clean dumpsters and dumpster storage areas
- If washing dumpsters and storage areas is necessary, contain and collect wash water, and dispose of properly in the sanitary sewer; never allow wash water to go into the street or drainage system

LIQUID STORAGE

- Place liquids inside rigid, durable, water-tight containers with tight fitting covers
- Store liquids inside a building, if possible
- If outdoor storage is necessary, store within secondary containment or double-walled containers, preferably undercover



PROPER DISPOSAL METHODS

- Maintain your grease interceptor or oil water separator to ensure proper operating condition
- Scrape grease and food scraps from trays, plates, pots, pans, utensils, and grills (or other cooking surfaces) into the trash for disposal
- Recycle all used grease; never pour grease into kitchen sinks, floor drains or toilets
- Be cautious of chemicals and additives (including detergents) that claim to dissolve grease as some will pass grease down pipes and clog sewer lines in another area
- Clean floor mats, filters, and garbage cans in a mop sink or over a floor drain; do not pour wash water into a parking lot, alley, sidewalk, street, or storm drain
- Use dry methods for oil and grease spill cleanup instead of hosing



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