

Clean beaches, and healthy rivers, creeks, bays, and oceans are important to the City of La Verne.

- Discharging fats, oils, and grease from restaurants and food service facilities can cause blockages that may result in sewage overflow into your facility and into storm drains.
- Unlike water in sanitary sewers (such as sinks and toilets), water in storm drains is not treated before entering our waterways and should not contain wash water, trash, grease, or other materials.
- You would never dump oil and trash into the ocean, so don't let it enter our storm drains. These helpful tips can show you how to prevent water pollution.

For more information,  
please call the  
City of La Verne  
Public Works Department  
At 909-596-8741  
Or visit  
<http://www.ci.la-verne.ca.us>

Report sewage spills and discharges that are not contained on your site to the Public Works Department.



## **Storm Water Pollution Prevention**



## **Tips for the Food Service Industry**

# Best Management Practices for Food Service Facilities

## Food Waste Disposal

- Scrape food waste from plates, utensils, pots, food preparation and cooking areas and ensure that it is disposed of into the trash.
- Do not put food waste into the drains. This can clog and introduce grease into the drain which can result in sewage backups and overflows.

## Grease and Oil Disposal

- Do not put oil or grease down the drain. Instead, put grease and oil into dedicated and marked containers with lids, or install grease interceptors.
- Do not overfill your dedicated grease storage containers or transport them without a cover.
- Do not attempt to empty your own grease control devices, they must be emptied and cleaned by permitted companies.
- Keep and update maintenance records onsite for ease of access.
- For a list of oil and grease recycling companies, contact the Public Works Department.

## Minor Spill Cleanup

- Always use dry cleanup methods, such as a rag, damp mop or broom.
- Do not wash spilled materials into a street, gutter, or drain.



## Major Spill Cleanup

- Have a spill containment and cleanup kit readily available and ensure employees are trained in their correct usage.
- Immediately contain and clean the spill using dry methods.
- If a spill leaves your site, follow the Hazardous Waste Spill Response Plan.

## Dumpster Cleanup

- Do not pour liquids into the dumpster or use hoses to clean it out.
- Pick up litter and debris from around the dumpster.
- Always keep the lid on the dumpster closed.

## Floor Mat Cleaning

- Sweep floor mats regularly and discard the debris into the trash.
- Hose off mats into mop sinks, floor drains or into an outdoor area which can contain the water.
- Do not hose mats in an area where wastewater can flow into a gutter, street or drain.

## Wastewater Disposal

- Dispose of washwater in a mop sink or an area with a floor drain.
- Do not dispose of washwater in the street, gutter or drain.