## **Best Management Practices**

# for RESTAURANTS AND FOOD HANDLING FACILITIES

Below are maintenance practices approved by the NCSPPP to avoid or minimize pollutants discharged to waterways. By following them you can help protect water quality in our streams and comply with local, state and Federal regulations.



#### Dispose of grease and oil safely

Maintain, pump, and use grease traps and interceptors regularly to prevent overflows. Keep grease bins covered and contained. Recycle grease and oil. Reduce the amount of grease washed down the drain by scraping off trays, grills, and pans into a grease can. Do not pour grease and oil into sinks, floor drains, parking lots or streets. For removal of waste grease, look in the yellow pages under "greases."



#### **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 (707)253-4823. If a spill threatens public health, call 911.



#### Maintain garbage dumpsters

Keep garbage dumpster lids closed to keep rain and rodents out 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.



#### 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.



#### Napa County Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program (NCSPPP)

www.countyofnapa.org/Stormwater or (707) 253-4823

To safely dispose of hazardous waste, call the Napa County Department of Environmental Management at 253-4471.

#### 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.



NCSPPP wishes to thank Marin County Stormwater Program for allowing us to modify their poster.

#### To report stormwater pollution violations, contact your local Coordinator or any of the following:

You may call the Stormwater Hotline for the local jurisdiction to report an illicit discharge or a potential illicit discharge. Please provide a detailed account of the incident (i.e., date, time, location, responsible party, nature of the incident) when you call to report an illicit discharge.

**American Canyon** (707) 647-4550 (707) 257-9600 Napa Yountville (707) 944-8851 or 944-2988 after hours St. Helena (707) 968-2658 or 967-2850 after hours Calistoga (707) 942-2828 (707) 299-1799

(unincorporated) California Department of Fish & Game

(888) 334-2258 California Regional Water Quality **Control Board** – San Francisco Bay Region

(510) 622-2300

**Napa County** 

Contact your local Fire or Police (911) if there is a hazardous spill or emergency to report.

**Napa County Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program Members:** 















### Only Rain Down the Drain

In Napa County, all storm drains (the drains in streets) flow directly to creeks or other waterways with no treatment!



In response to federal and state regulations and requirements, the municipalities in Napa County have joined to form the:

#### **Napa Countywide Stormwater Pollution Prevention** Program (NCSPPP)

In addition to reviewing their own practices that may harm water quality, the NCSPPP agencies have launched a public education campaign and inspection program to raise public awareness about stormwater pollution and to reduce the amount of pollutants discharged from residential and commercial sources.

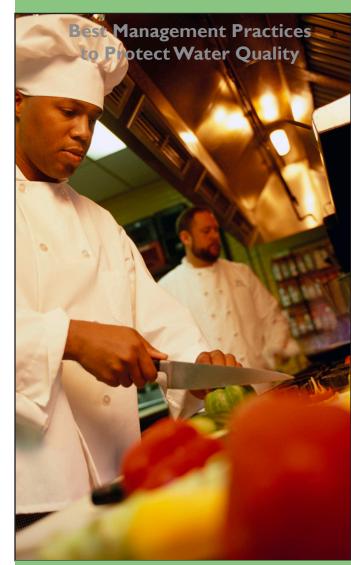
For more information, call the NCSPPP Stormwater Program Manager at

(707) 253-4823 or visit:

www.countyofnapa.org/Stormwater

**Pollution Prevention for** 

### Restaurants & **Food Handling Facilities**





**Napa Countywide Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program**