

Restaurant and Food Industry

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES



Here are a few simple practices to reduce polluted runoff at local businesses such as bakeries, food producers and distributors, grocery stores, and restaurants.

- 1. Keep dumpster area clean and lid closed. Don't fill it with liquid waste or hose it out. Repair or replace leaky dumpsters.



- 2. Pour wash water into a janitorial or mop sink. Don't pour it out onto a parking lot, alley, sidewalk or street.



- 3. Clean floor mats, filters and garbage cans in a mop sink, floor drain or proper outside area. Don't wash them in a parking lot, alley, sidewalk or street.



- 4. Recycle grease and oil. Don't pour it into sinks, floor drains, or onto a parking lot or street. Pouring grease and food scraps down the sink can clog pipes and back up sewers.



- 5. Use dry methods for oil and grease spill cleanup (sweep, use absorbent material) instead of hosing.



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FOR LIFE

To report illegal discharge or dumping or to participate in volunteer programs on O'ahu

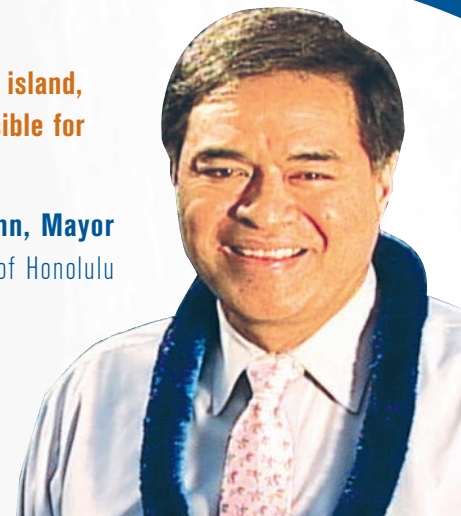
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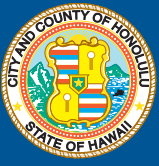
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"This is our home, our island, and we are all responsible for its health and beauty."

– Mufi Hannemann, Mayor
City and County of Honolulu





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INDUSTRY CAN HELP PROTECT OUR WATERS... FOR LIFE

The City and County of Honolulu, Department of Environmental Services, Storm Water Quality (SWQ) Branch works with businesses to minimize discharges of pollutants into the storm drainage system. This system is protected by a number of Federal and State laws and City ordinances. The Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, Section 14-12.23(a) Environmental Quality Control - Violation specifically states that, "It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge or cause to be discharged any pollutant into any drainage facility which causes a pollution problem in state waters, or causes a violation of any provision of the city NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) permit or the water quality standards of the State of Hawaii."

Both the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and State of Hawaii Department of Health (DOH) have identified restaurants as a major source of pollutants. Sources of pollutants include leaking trash bins; wash water onto a parking lot, alley, sidewalk or street; and food scraps, grease and used oil in sinks, floor drains, or onto a parking lot or street. These pollutants can also clog pipes, back up sewers or enter the storm drainage system by way of illegal connections.

Laws and Ordinances

The Federal Clean Water Act gave the EPA the authority to implement water pollution control programs. Local statute and ordinances address compliance and enforcement of the EPA's mandates.

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For More Information

Call the City's Environmental Concern Line at 692-5656 or visit our website at www.cleanwaterhonolulu.com to:

- Report any situation that may pollute storm drains, waterways and beaches
- Report a clogged storm drain or catch basin
- Request fact sheets and educational materials
- Schedule a presentation on polluted runoff and BMPs or a walk-through assessment of your facility
- Volunteer to clean up a portion of a stream, City block or stencil storm drains with the message, "Dump No Waste, Protect Our Waters ... for Life"



Emergency or spill in progress, call 911 or Hawaii Department of Health, Hazard Evaluation and Emergency Response (808) 586-4249 or (808) 247-2191 (after hours)



Discharging pollutants to the storm drain system is against the law. Violations can result in fines of up to \$25,000 per violation, per day.