



STORMWATER SMART RESTAURANTS

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When water from rain, snow, or sleet flows over the ground, it's called "stormwater." Stormwater can pick up grease, oil, or litter from restaurant parking lots or alleys. And when that stormwater flows into street gutters, storm drains, and downstream, it can pollute rivers, lakes, and streams. Follow these simple pollution solutions to help keep local waterways clean and healthy!



PUT WASTE IN A BIN

Grease and oils can clog pipes and pollute our water. Make sure grease is thrown away in used oil containers and grease traps or recycled, and all food waste goes into trash cans or containers with tops.



AVOID OVERFLOWS

Keep outdoor waste containers away from drains, and make sure they are emptied or collected regularly to avoid overflows.



KEEP A LID ON IT

Remember to close lids tightly on outdoor containers and grease traps, so the rain does not wash waste into the storm drain.



WIPE IT UP

If you spill oil or grease outside, soak it up with absorbent materials. Sweep up trash and food scraps, then dispose in a garbage can.