

YORK TOWNSHIP
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

RESTAURANTS & FOOD SERVICES GOOD CLEANING & WATER QUALITY PRACTICES

CLEAN STREAMS are important to York Township. Food wastes, fats, greases, and oils from restaurants and food service facilities can cause sanitary sewer line blockages that may result in sewage overflows into your restaurant or food service facility. Also, food wastes, fats, greases, and oils that are poured or hosed onto paved areas and streets or into gutters or storm drains pollute our streams.

FOOD WASTE DISPOSAL



DO scrape food wastes from plates, utensils, pots, food prep and cooking areas and dispose of

them in the trash.

DO capture and recycle fats, greases and oils in storage containers, grease traps, and oil separators for proper disposal.

DO compost or dispose of solids in garbage cans.

DO transport greases in storage containers with secured tops.

DO regularly empty containers, traps, and separators.

DON'T put food wastes down sink drains, as they often contain fats, greases, and oils that clog sanitary sewers, resulting in sewage backups and overflows.

WASTEWATER DISPOSAL



DO use dry cleaning, such as sweeping, before washing, wherever possible.

DO pour wastewater into a janitor, mop, or utility sink.

DON'T pour wastewater where it can flow to paved areas, streets, or storm drains.

ILLICIT DISCHARGES are any substances, other than stormwater, that enter a storm sewer. Restaurants and food service facilities can be a significant source of illicit discharges. Since York Township's sanitary sewers and stormwater system are not connected, stormwater flows untreated into the Township's streams. You can prevent illicit discharges by implementing the measures in this brochure.

FLOORMAT, FILTER, RACK, & GARBAGE CAN CLEANING



DO regularly sweep floormats, and discard the debris into trash cans.

DO hose off floormats, filters, tray racks, garbage cans, and carts into janitor, mop, or utility sinks or at floor drains that discharge to grease traps and oil separators.

DON'T hose floormats, filters, and garbage cans where it can flow to paved areas, streets, or storm drains.

DUMPSTER USE & CLEANUP



DO keep dumpster lids closed.

DO keep dumpster areas clear of debris and other trash.

DO replace leaking dumpsters.

DON'T pour liquids into dumpsters.

DON'T place leaking garbage bags into dumpsters.

DON'T hose out dumpsters.

THREE WASTES from restaurants and food service facilities that can affect sanitary sewers, pump stations, and wastewater treatment plants are greases, janitorial cleaners, and solids. A Wall Street Journal article reported that grease has reduced 75% of US sanitary sewers to 50% of their flow capacities.

CLEANING PRODUCTS

DO dilute cleaning product concentrates as directed in their instructions.

DO use fewer, multipurpose cleaners that are safer for workers'

health and decrease misuse related accidents.

GREASE TRAP MAINTENANCE



DO assure that all plumbing and grease trap installations conform to UCC Code requirements.

DO have grease traps cleaned out monthly by a qualified professional.

DON'T discharge oils or greases into a drain that is not connected to an oil interceptor or grease trap.

SPILL CONTAINMENT, CLEANUP, & SAFETY



DO have spill containment and cleanup tools and materials available.

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DO train all staff on how to contain, cleanup, and report spills.

DO immediately contain and clean spills using dry methods, such as brooms, absorbents, damp mops, or rags.

DO place of non-hazardous spill materials into the dumpster.

DO call 911 and 1-877-333-1904 immediately, if a spill that leaves the site or is hazardous

DON'T hose spills to paved areas, streets, or storm drains.

BE PREPARED

Staff training is essential. Staff should be trained and capable of properly handling foods, food wastes, and cleaning materials. Also, staff should be trained in proper spill cleanup.

Safety is paramount. When a spill material and the proper spill cleanup procedure are known, immediately contain the spill and begin the cleanup. When a spill material or the proper spill cleanup procedure is not known, get help.

Keep records of all spills.

Immediately report all spill discharges and hazardous spills to 911 and to PA-DEP at 1-877-333-1904.