

## Recycle

- Utilize local recycling facilities to dispose of the following items:
  - Paper and cardboard
  - Oil and grease (look in yellow pages under “rendering” or “tallow”
  - Glass, aluminum, plastic and metal containers



**For recycling information call  
831.424.5535**

Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority  
Sun Street Transfer Station  
139 Sun St.  
Salinas, CA 93901

## Spill Control

- Be prepared for spills
- Clean up spills using absorbent materials and then dispose of all waste properly.

**To report spills, illegal dumping or a  
clogged storm drain call 831.758.7233**

City of Salinas  
Department of Public Works  
Maintenance Division  
426 Work St.  
Salinas, CA 93901

## Safe Environmental Habits and Procedures as applied for:

- Bakeries
- Cafeterias
- Catering Trucks
- Delicatessens
- Grocery Stores
- Restaurants
- Sidewalk Café

## Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs):

### Food Service Industries



**For more information about  
Stormwater BMPs contact:**

City of Salinas  
Department of Public Works  
Development Engineering Division  
(831)758-7251, option 2  
encroachment@ci.salinas.ca.us

**Or visit our website at  
[cityofsalinas.org](http://cityofsalinas.org)**



**City of Salinas**

**Permit Center**

65 West Alisal St.  
Salinas, California 93901  
(831) 758-7251

## Stormwater Pollution Prevention

Only “stormwater” is allowed in our storm drain system. This pamphlet tells you how to prevent stormwater pollution from food service industries

The by-products of food related businesses can cause harm to our waterways, if they enter the municipal storm drain system.

### Potential Pollutant Sources:

- **Fats, Oils, Grease**  
Cooking Oil, grease and fats from the outdoor washing of kitchen equipment should never enter the storm drain system. These pollutants can clog fish gills and prevent oxygen from entering the water of our creeks and rivers.
- **Toxins**  
Toxins found in oven, floor and kitchen cleaners can harm aquatic life and impair drinking water sources.
- **Spills**  
Food and chemical spills from leaky dumpsters or parking lot surfaces can be carried to storm drains by rain or outdoor cleaning activities.



## Practice Good Housekeeping



- **Clean It Up**  
Outdoor cleaning of floor mats, filters, garbage cans and greasy kitchen equipment should always be done in a designated, berm area that drains to the sanitary sewer. Never allow wash water to flow over the parking lot into storm drains. Sweep outdoor dining areas and parking lots regularly.
- **Control Litter**  
Pick up and dispose of litter before it ends up in gutters and storm drains. Provide plenty of trash containers around your facility for litter control. Prevent placement of loose material (such as paper trays, napkins, paper placemats, and tabletop signs) that can be blown off tables and become litter.
- **Soak It Up**  
Use dry methods (sweeping, rags, kitty litter, etc.) whenever possible for outdoor spill cleanup. Don't hose down spills. If wet cleaning (including high temperature and high pressure washing) is required, dry clean the area first, then mop and collect the wash water. Dispose of wash water in a sink or other indoor drain. Never pour it out onto the parking lot or into gutters and storm drains.

- **Inspect and Maintain**  
Inspect storm drain inlets and catch basins within your facility boundary monthly and clean as necessary.

## Outdoor Waste Receptacles

Implement the following actions to minimize potential for waste pollution:



- Bag and seal all food waste before putting it into the dumpster. Do not place uncontained liquids or leaking trash bags into the dumpster.
- Keep dumpster lids closed. This will prevent rainwater from entering and trash from blowing out. Post signs in the waste receptacle area to remind employees of this policy.
- Do not hose out dumpsters. Instead, apply absorbent material, such as kitty litter, over any spilled fluids. Absorbent will usually be knocked out when dumpster is emptied. If washing is required, dispose of wash water in the sanitary sewer.
- If the dumpster regularly overflows, get a larger one or arrange for more frequent trash collection.
- Inspect dumpster routinely for leaks. Call vendor for replacement as necessary.