

Where to Call

Obtaining an Industrial Waste Permit

Los Angeles County
Environmental Programs Division
Industrial Waste
(626) 458-3517

Obtaining a Sewer Permit

City of Hawaiian Gardens
Building & Safety Division
(562) 420-2641 x217

Recycling & Hazardous Waste Disposal

City of Hawaiian Gardens
Department of Public Works
(562) 420-2641 x231

Spill Response Agencies

City of Hawaiian Gardens
Department of Public Works
(562) 420-2641 x231

To Report Illegal Dumping

City of Hawaiian Gardens
Department of Public Works
(562) 420-2641 x231

Los Angeles County
Department of Public Works
(888) CLEAN-LA

To Report a Clogged Catch Basin

City of Hawaiian Gardens
Department of Public Works
(562) 420-2641 x231

This brochure is one of a series of pamphlets describing runoff pollution prevention measures. Other pamphlets include:

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Food Service Industry

Fresh Concrete & Mortar Application
General Construction & Site Supervision

Heavy Equipment & Earth-Moving
Activities

Landscaping, Gardening & Pest Control

Home Repair & Remodeling

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Swimming Pool, Jacuzzi & Fountain
Maintenance

For more information about storm drain
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PLEASE CALL:

City of Hawaiian Gardens
Runoff Control Program

(562) 420-2641 x216



Best Management Practices for Restaurants



City of Hawaiian Gardens Runoff Control Program



Source of Runoff Pollution

Your food establishment is a source of pollution. Activities associated with restaurants can result in the transport of pollutants to the storm drain. Exposed pollutant materials are carried by runoff to the municipal storm drain system (catch basins, streets, alleys, and other conveyances). From there, decaying food products, refuse, and chemical pollutants (e.g. degreasers, cleaning solutions/solvents, etc.) flushed or dumped into the storm drain system are sent to rivers and oceans.

In **Hawaiian Gardens' case**, polluted runoff is discharged into the San Gabriel River, which flows into Seal Beach. Runoff-transported pollutants that make their way to the ocean threaten marine life and spoil recreational uses, such as a fishing, swimming, and surfing.

Restaurants can contribute to runoff pollution if they put food wastes and other pollutants into leaky or uncovered dumpsters; and by not properly cleaning equipment and materials – or outdoor surfaces.

Other routine activities such as cleaning greasy vents and operating and maintaining delivery trucks are sources of pollution -- unless proper precautions are taken. When it rains, motor oil that has dripped onto parking lots from business and customer vehicles is

washed into the river and ocean via the storm drain system.

It's the Law

Federal and state law require **Hawaiian Gardens** and other cities in Los Angeles County to control runoff pollution discharges from restaurants and other commercial facilities. The information contained in this pamphlet should enable your business to comply with runoff control regulations – not to mention protecting our oceans and rivers against pollution and avoiding fines.

Best Management Practices

Best Management Practices (BMPs) such as those listed below can prevent pollutants from entering the storm drain system.

- **Don't** wash kitchen mats outside with a hose. **Instead**, wash mats indoors, near a kitchen floor drain – connected to the sewer system or into the sink.

- **Don't** wash your outdoor dining area, entrance, or sidewalk area with toxic bleaches or detergents into the street gutter or catch basin. **Instead**, sweep-up food particles, cigarette butts, and trash before rinsing or steam cleaning. Then, mop-up any excess water into a

wringer-bucket and empty the waste water into the sink, a kitchen drain, or in the toilet.

- **Don't** scrub-down trash containers or enclosures with toxic bleaches or detergents -- and **don't** wash the waste and dirt particles into the alley or street gutter. **Instead**, sweep-out debris from the trash container first, scrub with a hard bristle brush and non-toxic soap, then rinse off the residue into the sewer.

- **Don't** pour grease into trash bins, street gutters, or sewers -- the grease may leak from the trash bins and clog pipelines. **Instead**, collect bulk grease in containers and get a hauler to dispose of it properly.

- **Cover, repair or replace** leaky dumpsters and compactors, and/or drain the pavement beneath them to the sewer. Rain can wash oil, grease, and substances into the storm drain system.

- **Sweep** trash (including cigarette butts, napkins, cups, bags, etc) from the parking lot -- and **clean-up** oil leaks and automotive fluids on the parking lot surface using dry cleaning methods.