

Minimize pesticide use by using preventive measures. If hiring a pest control professional, look for someone who practices integrated pest management (IPM) and uses less-toxic methods.

Educate employees on the importance of keeping pollution out of the storm drains. Hang the poster in a location visible to all your employees.

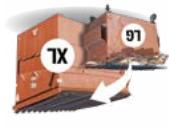
Provide a covered area for the storage of used cardboard. Ensure the cardboard is flattened and stacked neatly.

Clean hood vent filters using an indoor sink, or hire a contractor. Ensure contractor cleaning services properly capture and dispose of wash water.

Clean all floor mats indoors using an indoor sink or hire a contractor. Ensure contractor cleaning services properly capture and dispose of wash water.

Upgrade your dumpster to a larger size if it frequently overflows before pick up day.

Replace leaking dumpsters by calling your solid waste management provider. Dispose of ice and other liquids into the garbage. Clean indoor mats indoors using an indoor sink or hire a contractor. Ensure contractor cleaning services properly capture and dispose of wash water.



## Best Practices for Clean Waterways

### Why Am I Receiving This Information?

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has designated the City of Loveland a Phase II Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Community, requiring the City of Loveland to implement programs designed to reduce the amount of pollutants entering our lakes and rivers as a result of runoff from residential, commercial and industrial areas. All of the stormdrains in the City of Loveland lead directly to our local waterways without treatment. Therefore restaurants can have a negative impact upon those waterways if they do not ensure pollutants from their business are contained.

Any Food Service Establishments (restaurants, cafeterias, bakeries, coffee shops and grocery stores) found allowing waste or wastewater into the stormwater drain system may be subject to enforcement actions and legal penalties. You may find a copy of the City of Loveland municipal code at lovgov.org.

### Protecting Your Business

To reduce potential legal consequences, you can implement the proper maintenance and pollution prevention techniques described in this publication, in and around your restaurant.

Implementing these simple practices also has a few additional benefits:



Reduce pests around your restaurant, such as rats, mice and birds



Improve the overall image of your restaurant with your customers



Protect local water quality and wildlife habitat

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