

# PREVENT STORMWATER POLLUTION RESTAURANT TIPS

## POLLUTION PREVENTION THROUGH BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

### DO'S

- Use your mop sink or floor drain for the disposal of any cleaning wash water.
- If a dumpster needs to be cleaned, ask the waste hauler to exchange it for a

clean one or hire a company that will capture any wash water.

- Keep areas around dumpsters clean.
- Regularly maintain grease trap(s) to prevent overflow.
- Recycle grease and oil (do not pour it down the sink).
- Sweep outside areas/alleys. If an area needs additional cleaning use a rag instead of a hose.
- Food trucks: Wash/wastewater must be discharged to the sanitary sewer using acceptable practices.
- Store cleaning chemicals inside.
- Pump and service your grease interceptor at least every 90 days per City of Henderson Municipal Code 14.09.160.
  - This work should be performed by a business/ professional normally engaged in the servicing of such plumbing fixtures.
  - Read City of Henderson Municipal Code for additional maintenance requirements.
  - Spills that occur from overflow or maintenance shall be cleaned in a timely manner. Cleanup should involve dry methods. If water is used, it should be captured and properly disposed of.
  - Outdoor above ground used grease waste containers are to be enclosed per City of Henderson Development Code 19.10.7.B

## **DON'TS**

- Don't put food and liquid waste in leaking dumpster; instead:
  - Request a new dumpster from your hauler.
  - Capture leaking material "dumpster juice" and dispose of in your mop sink.
- Don't rinse out the dumpster.
- Don't wash kitchen mats or filters outside.
- Don't power wash alleyways if the water is not captured and properly disposed of.
- Don't dump kitchen wash water outside.
- Don't wash anything into the gutter, street or storm drain.
- Food Trucks: Don't discharge any water into the gutter, street or storm drains.







# **HENDERS**ON

Stormwater runoff flows are the only things that should be entering storm drains. Discharges of anything else should be reported. If you see something, say something.

#### PROTECTING LAKE MEAD

When water enters the streets and gutters from rain, irrigation runoff, a hose, or other means in Southern Nevada, it can pick up pollutants left on the ground and transfer them into storm drains. Storm drains empty into the Las Vegas Wash, without going through a wastewater treatment plant. The Las Vegas Wash then empties into Lake Mead where pollutants can impact water quality and harm



fish and plants. Lake Mead is Southern Nevada's primary source of drinking water and where many people spend time fishing, swimming and boating.

#### STORMWATER REGULATIONS

The City of Henderson has ordinances that prevent the discharge of pollutants to the street and gutters that are not composed of stormwater. Businesses found to be non-compliant will be notified and are liable for bringing their business back into compliance. Not complying with stormwater laws can lead to violations and fines.

#### YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

Actions you and your staff take can help prevent pollutants from making their way to Lake Mead. Make sure your staff knows how their actions contribute to stormwater pollution and how they can prevent it. Using Best Management Practices (BMPs), you and your staff can take pride in working at a clean and environmentally responsible business and helping to protect Lake Mead.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Environmental Services at 702-267-2208

Remember: Only Rain in the Storm Drain!

# **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

#### TO REPORT A DISCHARGE TO A STORM DRAIN

City of Henderson, Environmental Services 702-267-2208

#### **TO REPORT CLOGGED STORM DRAINS**

City of Henderson, Flood Control - Street Sweeping 702-267-3259

#### TO REPORT ILLEGAL DUMPING

Southern Nevada Health District southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/permits-and-regulations/ solid-waste-compliance/illegal-dumping/ 702-759-0600

#### RECYCLING INFORMATION

**NDEP** 

ndep.nv.gov/nevada-recycles **Republic Services** recyclingsimplified.com

#### **WHAT ELSE CAN YOU DO?**

For more examples of best management practices, pollution prevention tips and techniques that can help protect our water quality, check out lystormwater.com and stormwatervegas.com.



Kip the Fish plaques and stamped curbs remind residents to Keep It Pristine (KIP). What goes down the drain goes untreated to Lake Mead.

Thank you for doing your part to help protect Southern Nevada's water quality and Lake Mead!

