

# FOOD SERVICE POLLUTION PREVENTION STORMWATER BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Stormwater pollution occurs when runoff washes away loose sediment, chemicals, trash, pet waste, oil and grease or other possible pollutants produced at your business. The polluted runoff ends up in storm sewers, desert washes, or catchment basins, which can seep underground and adversely affect the groundwater El Mirage utilizes for drinking water.

***Never allow non-stormwater discharges to enter a storm drain or street.***

Stormwater pollution prevention is good business! It means clean water, clean neighborhoods and it shows your customers that you care

**Poor training and material management practices at retail and food service industry locations can cause pollutants such as detergents, cleansers, solvents, fats, oils and food waste to enter our storm water system. These pollutants can build up in storm water lines causing blockages, negatively impact the operation of storm water retention areas and drywells, or degrade water quality of our washes, rivers and groundwater.**

## WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PREVENT POLLUTION

- ◆ Position dumpsters away from storm drains, and street gutters
- ◆ Properly collect, contain and recycle used grease and oil waste in a "tallow bin" or watertight container
- ◆ Store chemicals in areas that are shielded from storm water. Keep container lids secured
- ◆ Never dispose of any wash or waste water in the street or on the ground. Use sewer drain
- ◆ Have grease traps or interceptors pumped when the thickness of grease exceeds 25% of the of tank depth

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