

# Spill Response

## Non-Emergency Calls:

Solano County Department of  
Resource Management  
(707) 784-6765

Fairfield Police Department  
(707) 428-7300

Suisun City Police Department  
(707) 421-7373

The Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District  
(707) 429-8930

## Emergency Calls Only:

Dial 911

## Other Useful Numbers

San Francisco Bay Regional Water  
Quality Control Board  
(510) 622-2300

Fairfield Public Works Department  
(707) 428-7485

Suisun City Public Works Department  
(707) 421-7340

CA Department of Fish  
& Game  
(707) 944-5512

This brochure is one of a series of pamphlets describing storm drain protection measures for specific types of construction industry activities. Other pamphlets include:

- General Construction and Site Supervision
- Landscaping, Gardening, and Pool Maintenance
- Painting and Application of Solvents and Adhesives
- Fresh Concrete and Mortar Application
  - Roadwork and Paving
  - Earth-Moving Activities
- Heavy Equipment Operation



***For more information about the storm drain protection program and additional brochures, call:***

**The Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District**

1010 Chadbourne Road  
Fairfield, CA 94534-9700  
(707) 429-8930



# RESTAURANTS AND FOOD HANDLING FACILITIES

## Solano Stormwater Alliance members manage storm drains that flow to the San Francisco Bay, and to the Pacific Ocean without treatment.

Stormwater pollution is a serious problem for wildlife and people who live near streams or wetlands.

### Common sources of pollution

- Automotive fluids from vehicles and heavy equipment
- Landscaping runoff containing pesticides or weed killers
- Materials such as used motor oil, antifreeze
- Paint products that people pour or spill into a street or storm drain.

### Who Should Use This Brochure?

- Restaurants
- Bakeries
- Grocery Stores
- Delicatessens
- Cafeterias



## Storm Drain Pollution For Food Handling Facilities

Food handling facilities have the potential to discharge food wastes, oil, grease, and toxic chemicals into the environment. When dumped in the street, parking lot, or storm drain, these wastes end up in local creeks and the Marsh without treatment. Even "biodegradable" detergents contain harmful ingredients toxic to aquatic life. Soapy wash water dumped on pavement reaches storm drains and creeks. Decaying organic materials (food and oil waste) attract flies, rodents, create odor and public health problems, and use up dissolved oxygen in streams and the Marsh, stressing or killing aquatic plants and animals.



### What Can You Do?

#### Employee Information

##### Pavement Cleaning

- Sweep parking lots and paved areas periodically.
- Dispose of sweepings in the garbage.

##### Equipment Cleaning (dumpsters, floor mats, exhaust baffles, etc.)

- Discharge wash water to the sanitary sewer through indoor sinks or drains.
- If cleaning outdoors, collect wash water and dispose of it indoors.

##### Spill Cleanup in Outdoor Areas

- Keep spill containment kits handy.
- Clean spills immediately using absorbents, dispose of waste properly.
- Mop spills, disposing of mop water in indoor drains.

#### Grease Handling and Disposal

- Store grease and oil in covered bins away from storm drains.
- Schedule regular tallow bin collection.
- Clean spills promptly using dry methods.

#### Waste Disposal—Dumpster Area

- Inspect dumpsters regularly; repair or replace leaky ones.
- Cover dumpsters to prevent storm water entry.
- Add more dumpsters or increase trash pickups if needed.
- Keep the dumpster area clean and educate staff on proper management.

#### Litter Control

- Provide adequate trash receptacles for customers and employees.
- Place ashtrays in cigarette-prone areas.
- Pick up litter daily, including around storm drain grates.

#### Landscaping

- Minimize pesticide and fertilizer use; avoid applying in wet weather.
- Compost yard waste or place it in compost bins.

#### Training

- Regularly train employees on spill response.
- Designate a responsible person for implementing best practices.
- Label storm drain inlets to discourage illegal dumping; contact Fairfield Suisun Sewer District for supplies.

