Special Events

This Fact Sheet provides Best Management Practices (BMPs) that are recommended for vendors that prepare and serve food at Community Special Events.

Potential Pollutant Sources:
The following activities are potential sources of pollutants:
- Dumpster and loading dock area maintenance
- Equipment cleaning (creating gray water)
- Grease handling and disposal

Pollutants may include:
- Bacteria
- Organic materials (food wastes)
- Trash
- Oil and grease
- Toxic chemicals (cleaning products, disinfectants)
- Gray water (any water that has been used for cleaning, washing dishes, equipment)

Pollution Prevention
Using pollution prevention measures may reduce or eliminate the need to implement more costly or complicated procedures.

The following pollution prevention principles apply to most facilities:
- Use alternative, safer, non-toxic, and recycled products;
- Never dump anything into a storm drain catch basin (storm drain), gutter or street;
- Reduce the use of water and/or use dry methods;
- Recycle and reuse waste products and waste flows;
- Inspect site regularly during the event to ensure Best Management Practices are in place, and;
- Provide on-going employee training prior to the event.

Best Management Practices and Procedures

GENERAL
- Vacuum or sweep. If water is being used for cooking, cleaning equipment or general cleanup, contain the wash water and dispose of in a designated sanitary sewer. Prior to the event, obtain permission from the Municipal Utilities Dept. to dispose of gray water into sanitary sewer. (Call the City of Stockton, Environmental Control Office at 937-8740 for disposal approval). Do not dispose of in the gutter, storm drain, or street.
- Maintain your vendor area. Move or cover activities and materials to prevent contact with storm water.
- Provide trash and recycling receptacles to keep litter from accumulating around loading docks.
- Bag and seal food waste before putting it in the dumpster. Do not place uncontained liquids, or leaking containers or garbage bags into a dumpster.
- Keep dumpster lids closed to keep out rainwater and to prevent trash from spilling out or blowing away with wind.
- If the dumpster overflows, contact the Events Manager to arrange for more frequent collection.
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EQUIPMENT CLEANING
► If floor mats, filters, equipment must be cleaned during the event, pour all wash water into a designated 50-gallon drum. Do not wash them in a parking lot, alley, sidewalk, street, gutter or storm drain.
► Do not mix water with cooking greases and oils.

GREASE HANDLING AND DISPOSAL
► Place all cooking greases and oils in a designated 50-gallon drum. Do not contaminate the recyclable oils and grease in the tallow bin with the waste grease from the grease trap or grease interceptor.
► Keep grease that is stored outside contained and covered.
► Coordinate with event organizer for proper disposal of waste greases and oils with a certified “Grease Traps” or “Septic Tanks” hauler.

MATERIALS PURCHASING, RECYCLING, AND DISPOSAL
► Never dispose of toxic waste at the event site. Toxic wastes include used cleaners and rags (soaked with solvents, floor cleaners, and detergents). Contact San Joaquin County Solid Waste at 468-3066 for proper disposal.

SPILL CLEANUP
► Maintain an adequate supply of spill cleanup materials (kitty litter or corn meal) where it will be readily available.
► Clean leaks, drips, and other spills with as little water as possible. Use rags for small spills, a damp mop for general cleanup, and dry absorbent material for larger spills.
► Remove the absorbent materials promptly and dispose of properly.
► Keep the spill from entering streets, gutters, and storm drains.
► Do not use bleach or disinfectants if there is a possibility that rinse water could flow to streets, gutters, or storm drains.

Employee Training
• Train employees on these practices and proper maintenance of your facility.
• Train employees on proper spill containment and cleanup procedures.
• Establish a regular training schedule, train all new employees, and conduct annual refresher training.
• Use a training log or similar method to document training.

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Water that goes into storm drains doesn’t go to the sewer plant to be treated, but flows directly into our rivers, creeks, sloughs, and the Delta. Remember: Only Rain Down the Storm Drain!
Thank you for participating in today’s event. The City of Stockton requires that vendors dispose of fats, oils, grease, greywater, and all food scraps in the correct containers. Recycling containers are also provided for the recyclable materials you are using on site. The following items do not belong on the street, in the gutter, or down the stormdrain.

WHERE TO DUMP THE FOG
- Save all fats, cooking oils and greases into a container and dispose of them in the designated FOG recycling area near you
- Before washing be sure to wipe all excess fats, oils and greases from pans with a paper towel and put it in the trash

GREYWATER DISPOSAL
- Collect all dirty dish water and dispose of it into the designated greywater station in your area

TRASH YOUR SCRAPS ... IN THE RIGHT PLACE
- When preparing foods and drinks, be sure to put the following items in the proper trash container:
  - Vegetable peelings
  - Meat scraps
  - Eggs shells
  - Coffee grindings
  - Any other food items or packaging

REDUCE WASTE... RECYCLE!
- While enjoying your event, please recycle all of the following items into the cardboard recycling container in your area:
  - Plastic water bottles
  - Juice bottles
  - Soda cans
  - Unsoiled plastic or cardboard containers
  - Remove all plastic lids when recycling

Incorrect disposal of these items could result in fines and prohibit further participation in this event.

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Gracias por participar en el evento de hoy. La Ciudad de Stockton requiere que los vendedores se deshagan de la manteca, aceites, grasas, agua sucia y todos los sobrantes de comida en los recipientes correctos. Además se han provisto recipientes de reciclaje para disponer de los materiales reciclables que usted utilice en el lugar. Los siguientes artículos no deben ser tirados en la calle, en las cunetas o por los desagüaderos de las calles.

**DÓNDE ECHAR LA MANTeca, ACEITES Y GRASAS**
- Eche la manteca, aceite para cocinar y las grasas en un recipiente y tiérelos en el área designado para desperdicios más cercano a usted.
- Antes de lavar las sartenes asegúrese de limpiar todo exceso de manteca, aceites y grasas en ellos con papel toalla y tirela en la basura.

**DESECHO DEL AGUA SUCIA**
- Junte toda el agua sucia de los trastes y échela en las estaciones de aguas sucias en su área.

**TIRE LOS SOBRANTES DE ALIMENTOS ... EN EL LUGAR APROPIADO**
- Al preparar los alimentos y bebidas, asegúrese de echar los siguientes artículos en los recipientes para basura apropiados:
  - Cáscaras de vegetales
  - Sobrantes de carnes
  - Cascarones de huevos
  - Sobrantes de café molido
  - Cualquier otro artículo de alimentos o su empaque

**REDUZCA LOS DESPERDICIOS...¡RECICLE!**
- Mientras disfruta de su evento, por favor recicle todos los siguientes artículos echándolos en los recipientes de cartón para reciclaje en su área:
  - Botellas plásticas de agua
  - Botellas de jugo
  - Latas de refrescos
  - Recipientes limpios de plástico o de cartón
  - Al reciclar, remueva todas las tapaderas plásticas

El deshacerse de estos artículos de manera incorrecta pudiera resultar en multas y la prohibición de participar en futuros eventos.

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