



# TIPS FOR GREEN BUSINESSES RESTAURANTS

In order to manage stormwater runoff, Frederick County implemented the **Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Program** in 2015. Stormwater runoff is a result of a rain or snow event flowing over impervious surfaces like streets, sidewalks, and parking lots. This **stormwater runoff** conveys pollutants associated with vehicle maintenance, pet waste, lawn care, and litter into the storm drain system leading directly to our local waterways. When materials like used oil, trash juice from dumpsters, chemicals, or other hazardous materials are discharged, intentionally or unintentionally, into the storm water sewer system, this is considered an **illegal discharge**. Frederick County is charged with the responsibility to discover, document, and eliminate these sources of stormwater pollution.

## HELP FREDERICK COUNTY PREVENT STORMWATER POLLUTION!

### The Do's and Do Not's of Pollution Prevention



Keep garbage can and dumpster lids closed, and the area free of debris. Ensure that the dumpster is in proper working condition (i.e. no leaks, or seal damage).



Keep grease trap and used oil container lids closed at all times when not in use.



Immediately clean up any oil, chemical, or non-stormwater spill using dry methods like kitty litter. Properly dispose of the cleanup material after absorbance.



Use indoor sinks to clean floor mats and empty dirty mop water. Do not dispose of any washwater outdoors or into the storm drains.



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