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Improving the Water Quality of Your City

Stormwater Management for Businesses

**Everyday activities at home can have big impacts on our city's waterways.
Changes we make can help keep our streams healthy!**

Commercial Operations Effecting Stormwater



Trash: Trash and refuse is the most common cause of stormwater pollution associated with commercial developments. Trash build up in the stream is harmful to the plant, insect, fish, and animal communities that call the area home. Ensure that your area is routinely cleaned.



Wash Water: Pressure washing parking lots, sidewalks, and dumpster pads is a common method for keeping commercial areas clean. This wash water picks up many pollutants including oil, grease and bacteria from dumpsters, and sediment. Ensure that all wash water is properly collected and that catch basins are protected while pressure washing is occurring.



Dumpsters: Trash and recycling dumpsters should be properly set up on concrete dumpster pads. Water that has come in contact with the refuse in these dumpsters can transport bacteria and pollutants. Any dumpsters seen leaking contact water should be repaired or replaced immediately.



Storm Drains: Ensure that storm drains do not become clogged with trash and other debris. Not only is this a potential pollution concern, but clogged storm drains can lead to parking lot and loading bay flooding. Regular maintenance of nearby storm drains can reduce the chance of debris build up.

Illicit Discharge: An illicit discharge occurs when anything other than stormwater is released into the City's storm drain system. An illicit discharge is considered a violation of the Stormwater Management Ordinance.

Spill Response: Contact the City of Franklin Engineering Department if any material from the spill enters the storm drain. Clean the material up immediately or contact a spill response company. Call 911 if it is an emergency.