CITY OF SANTEE

Food & Beverage Services

WHAT IS STORM WATER?

Storm water is the untreated, contaminated water that flows over streets, parking lots, and other surfaces picking up pollutants along the way.

WHERE DOES IT GO?

The storm drain system is separate from the sewer system. All the water that enters these drains ends up in our creeks, rivers, and ultimately the Pacific Ocean completely untreated!

WHY IS IT A PROBLEM?

The San Diego river flows right through Santee on its way to the Pacific Ocean. It is home to many species, and provides recreation for us. Any pollutant no matter how small can have a big impact downstream.

POLLUTION & FOOD/BEVERAGE?

Pollutants typically associated with food and beverage include grease, food waste, cleaning chemicals, trash and debris. Discharges of pollutants and non-storm water is prohibited and requires the use of best management practices.

HOW CAN I PREVENT POLLUTION?

Implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) which are practical and cost effective practices for day to day business operations which reduce, control, and prevent water pollution.

Control, Contain, & Capture All Fluids*

⇒ Maintain Good Housekeeping Practices Throughout the Property	⇒ If Pressure Washing, Direct the Run-off to Landscaped Areas, or Capture and Contain for Proper Disposal.
⇒ Keep Trashcans and Dumpster Lids Closed and Trash Storage/Enclosure Areas Clean	⇒ Use a Mop, Brush, and Bucket for Outdoor Cleaning Activities. Dispose Water in a Sewer Connection: *Sink, floor drain, toilet*
⇒ Maintain All Grease Bins—Keep them Clean and Covered	⇒ Train Employees and Notify Tenants About Minimum BMPs
⇒ Keep Absorbent Material or Other Spill Response Materials On-Site	⇒ Keep Drains Cleared of any Debris to Avoid Flooding Hazards
⇒ Clean Outdoor Spills Immediately	⇒ Reuse and Recycle Materials Where Possible
⇒ Clean Floor Mats Indoors	

It is illegal to allow wastewater to enter a storm drain.

Learn about more ways that you can help at: www.SanteeH2o.org   *Updated: April, 2016*