

# ILLEGAL DUMPING? NOT IN OUR CITY.

Improper disposal or dumping of anything in a storm drain other than stormwater is **illegal**.

City Code (Title 11, Ch. 13, Sec. 11-13-2) states: It shall be unlawful for any person to dump any waste on any property, in any waters or in any sanitary or stormwater system, except as authorized by law or by applicable permit.



Report illegal dumping to Alex311 by dialing 311, using the Alex311 app, submitting a form at [alexandriava.gov/Alex311](http://alexandriava.gov/Alex311) or in-person at any City government building.



## CITY OF ALEXANDRIA

Department of Transportation & Environmental Services

Stormwater Management Division

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## WE LOVE ALEXANDRIA.

And we're serious about protecting our local waterways and environment.

One way we show it is by taking a proactive role in protecting and restoring our water resources through enforcing and complying with local, state and federal regulations.

The City is committed to protecting and enhancing instream water quality through programmed activities and stormwater management practices.

**Together, we can protect the natural resources of the City we love.**



# RESTAURANTS & FOOD SERVICE

## BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES



## POLLUTION PREVENTION PRACTICES

### Grease and Oil

- Always use designated grease bins to dispose of used cooking oils and grease.
- Maintain grease traps and bins to prevent overflows and keep lids closed.

### Wash Water

- Never empty a mop bucket outside or into the storm drain.
- Clean floor mats, garbage cans and other large equipment at an indoor mop sink or other interior drain that is connected to the sanitary sewer.

### Spills and Drips

- Clean up nonhazardous spills quickly with a mop, rag or absorbent material.
- Dispose of used absorbent material immediately.
- Store cleaning fluids indoors to prevent leaks and spills from reaching storm drains.



# THE PROBLEM

Everything washed or dumped into the storm drain flows untreated into local waterways, the Potomac River and, eventually, the Chesapeake Bay.

Polluted water can kill fish and aquatic life, harm wildlife, kill vegetation, pollute drinking water supplies and make recreational areas hazardous.

## POLLUTION PREVENTION PRACTICES

### Garbage Disposal

- Avoid disposing of liquids in the garbage.
- Keep dumpster and garbage can lids closed to keep out stormwater.
- Check dumpsters and garbage cans regularly for leaks.
- Keep outdoor areas clean and clean up any spills.

### Pressure Washing

- Water from pressure washing must be contained and discharged to the sanitary sewer.
- Equipment washing outside is prohibited.
- Businesses that use third-party companies to pressure wash are ultimately responsible if wastewater is disposed into the storm drain.

**Questions?** Call the City of Alexandria's Department of Transportation & Environmental Services at 703.746.4014.