

## **Grease Management - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

### **How should mop water be managed?**

Mop water should be poured into a drain inside the building. If the water contains any grease, it should be poured into a drain that is connected to the grease interceptor. Floor washwater should never be squeegeed outside. Clean up any spilled grease before mopping to reduce the amount of grease in the mop water.

### **How should mats be cleaned?**

Mats can be taken to a coin-operated carwash or run through the dishwasher. Both methods ensure washwater and dirt end up in the sanitary sewer.

### **How should outdoor eating areas be cleaned?**

"Spot clean" outdoor areas with rags. If a mop and water must be used, the standing water must be collected and disposed inside. Clean thoroughly, as any residual that is left may end up in a creek with the next rain or snow storm.

### **What do I do if the dumpster or fryer grease bin is leaking?**

The outside area should be routinely inspected and swept. If grease is observed on the ground, use dry cleaning methods to remove it. Wipe up the grease spill with rags then sprinkle saw dust or some type of absorbent to absorb the remaining grease and sweep again. If the water is not used, it must be collected and disposed of inside the facility. The source of the leak should be identified and eliminated. Your trash hauler or fryer grease recycler must provide leak proof containers. Dumpsters and fryer grease bins ideally should be stored under cover away from rain and snow.

### **How do I clean our exhaust hood filters?**

Clean them as you would the floor mats, using the mop sink, dishwasher or coin-operated car wash.

### **What should go in the storm drain outside?**

Storm drains are designed to collect rain water only. The water flows from these manmade structures directly into local creeks. As a reminder, the City of Boulder can stencil the drain with "NO DUMPING FLOWS TO CREEK." If your business is located in the City of Boulder, call 303-413-7350 for more information about how you can prevent water pollution.