

Resources:

www.allentownpa.gov/Public-Works/Stormwater

Why cease the grease?

Pouring liquid fat, cooking oil, grease, or solids down the drain becomes a problem after they harden inside your private sewer lines or the City's sewer lines. Either way, the cleanup costs can be extensive and eventually come out of your pocket.

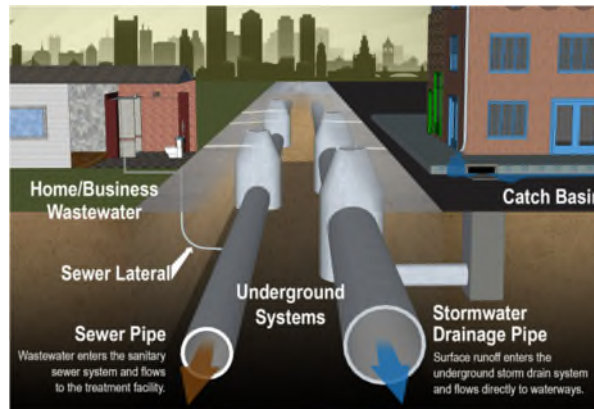
The right way?

Let grease cool, then scrape it from pots and pans into the proper receptacle prior to washing dishes. Minimize the use of your garbage disposal and dispose of vegetable peels and other solids in the trash.

What is the difference between the sanitary sewer and storm drains?

- Allentown has two separate sewer systems, the sanitary sewer and the storm drain.
- The sanitary sewer is underground and carries waste from toilets and sinks to a wastewater treatment plant. The wastewater is then treated before being discharged to the Salt River or reused for energy production, crops and wetlands.
- Storm drains carry untreated storm water runoff to local parks, rivers, and washes.

- City of Allentown Stormwater and Street Ordinance
- MS4 NPDES Permit #PA0063665
- Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 122.26
- Lehigh County Conservation District MS4 Program



Please report illegal dumping or discharges into creeks, ditches, catch basins, or streets to the City of Allentown.

Stormwater-610-437-7587

SWEEP-610-437-8729

The goal of the City of Allentown's Stormwater Management Program is to manage the drainage infrastructure, in order to minimize pollution from entering our local waterways

Restaurant Stormwater Pollution

A Guide to Restaurant Best Management Practices



A Menu of Activities to Keep Our Water Clean

Watch out for spills

Use dry methods for spill clean up.
Sweep up spills or use litter instead of hosing down areas; do not power-wash.
Use rags or absorbents such as cat litter and then dispose of materials in the garbage, or handle as hazardous waste when appropriate.

Chemical storage and disposal

Educate personnel on chemical ingredients, use least hazardous cleaning chemicals.
Use up all solvents, floor cleaners, detergents and other cleaning chemicals.
Discard non reusable products, like cleaning rags, by taking products to the proper receptacles for recycling or disposal.

Outdoor and sidewalk areas

Sweep up food, cigarette butts, and trash from outdoor dining areas before rinsing or steam cleaning.
Don't use toxic, chemicals, or detergents when you pressure wash outdoor dining areas, entrances or surrounding sidewalk areas.

Cease the grease

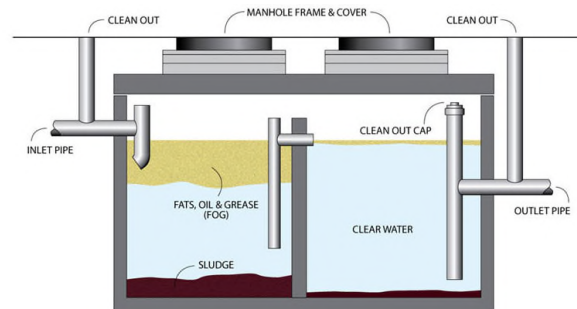
Never pour grease into a sink, floor, drain, dumpster, or storm drain.
Save used cooking grease and oil for recycling in tallow bins or containers.
Contact a licensed pumping company to haul used grease.



Fats, Oils, and Grease - F.O.G.

Cleaning it right

Pour mop and wash water into the mop sink or down floor drains... NOT into gutters, alleys, parking lots or a storm drain.
Wash greasy equipment only in designated wash areas which are properly connected to the sanitary sewer system.



What about the dumpster?

Keep dumpster and loading dock areas clean.
Control litter by sweeping the area, not hosing.
Replace leaky dumpsters and keep lids closed to keep out rainwater.



Clogged pipe Caused by improper grease disposal

Floor solvents, cleaning agents, food waste, trash, and garbage are all examples of waste generated from restaurants that can lead to storm water pollution and/or sanitary sewer overflows when not disposed of properly.
Protect your community and property: cease the grease, properly dispose of waste, and remember...

Only rain in the storm drain!