

REPORT POLLUTION

Call the hotline if you see any of the following:

- **Illegal Dumping**
- **Trash & Debris**
- **Foul Smells**
- **Spills**
- **Unusual Colors**
- **Cloudiness**

**STORMWATER POLLUTION HOTLINE:
(850) 233-5054, Ext. 2400**

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:

[http://www.pcbgov.com/departments-services/
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AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE REGARDING THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH'S ILLICIT DISCHARGE AND CONNECTION
ORDINANCE THAT MAY AFFECT YOUR BUSINESS.

Stormwater Pollution Prevention Best Management Practices

FOOD SERVICE INDUSTRY



An important message
from the City of Panama City Beach
about stormwater pollution laws
and how they can affect your business.



Common Stormwater Pollutants from the Food Industry

Every time it rains or every time you dump mop water outside, wash kitchen mats or containers outside or hose down sidewalks, pollutants such as food particles, grease, oil, cleansers, pesticides, trash and debris from your dumpster and other sediment run directly into the city's stormwater sewer system. Our stormwater sewer system carries these pollutants untreated directly to the Gulf of Mexico.

Stormwater runoff is the number one threat to our waterways. Clean water is critical to our fishing industries, recreational activities and diverse wildlife. You can do your part to help restore these waters by implementing Best Management Practices to prevent stormwater pollution.

Best Management Practices

Fats, Oil and Grease (FOG)

Regular maintenance and service of your sewer lines and grease trap interceptor will help prevent sewer overflows to the storm drain system.

- Do NOT pour FOG into floor drains, sinks or into parking lot inlets.
- Use dry methods for oil or grease cleanup such as kitty litter or towels.
- Maintain grease traps.
- Recycle grease and oil.

Garbage Dumpsters

- Always use garbage bags or trash cans.
- Do not rinse out dumpsters. Request that your waste hauler exchange the dirty dumpster for a clean one.
- Keep dumpster lids closed and secure.
- Ensure dumpster drain plug is in place.
- Keep the area around dumpster clean.
- Avoid placing liquids or FOG in dumpster.
- Do not overfill the dumpster.

Proper Cleaning

- Always empty wash water and mop buckets into the mop sink or floor drain.
- Clean floor mats and garbage cans in a mop sink or floor drain. Don't wash them in a parking lot, alley, sidewalk or street.
- Regularly inspect for and clean trash from outside the restaurant.
- Use the least toxic cleaning products.

Illicit Discharge and Elimination

These sections of the Code of Ordinances of Panama City Beach provide the City the authority to prohibit non-stormwater discharges into the storm sewer system and implement appropriate enforcement procedures:

[Code of Ordinances, Chapter 23, Utilities, Article IV, Sewers Section 23-40; Building Sewers and Connections.](#)

Requires an applicant for a building sewer permit to notify the City when the building sewer is ready for inspection and connection to the public sewer. This gives the City authority to look for illegal connections and stop any work or disconnect services in case of code violations.

[Section 23-41, Restricted Use of Public Sewers](#)

Makes it unlawful for any person to discharge or cause to be discharged any sanitary wastewater into the storm sewer system without any exceptions.

These sections of the Code provide the City the authority to prohibit non-stormwater discharges, including illegal dumping into the storm sewer system and implement appropriate enforcement procedures and actions:

[Chapter 12, Garbage and Trash, Section 12-4, Prohibited Practices and Violations](#)

[Section 12-4\(1\)](#) prohibits any person from depositing on, or burning in, or causing to be deposited on or buried in any land, public square, street, alley, vacant lot or unoccupied lot, the waters of the Gulf of Mexico, or any creek, watercourse or ditch within the city limits, any garbage or other noxious, malodorous or offensive matter.

[Section 12-4\(6\)](#) prohibits any person from placing or allowing to be placed upon the streets, alleys, curbing or sidewalks of the city any rubbish, sweepings, debris, trash, or waste materials of any kind which might be a menace to traffic, both vehicular and pedestrian, or which might endanger the proper operation of the City's sewer or drainage system.

[Section 12-6, Littering](#)

This section of the Code prohibits any person from depositing or throwing litter on any property within the City. This code also gives the City or Code Enforcement Office the ability to enforce this ordinance. For more information refer to https://library.municode.com/fl/panama_city_beach/codes/code_of_ordinances