

# CITY OF NATIONAL CITY – DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT 1243 NATIONAL CITY BLVD., NATIONAL CITY, CA 91950

# City of National City Storm Water Program

### Restaurant and Food Industry

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#### **Long-Term Compliance Solutions**

Several properties and businesses in National City have already taken initiative to ensure long-term compliance with the minimum requirements of City's storm water program. In doing so they minimize the need for costly and ineffective cleanup of grease spills by employees. Three proactive solutions<sup>1</sup> include:

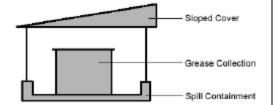
1. Storing waste grease in securely sealed <u>indoor</u> containers<sup>2</sup> until pickup





2. <u>Permanent</u> cover and containment of outdoor grease disposal areas<sup>3</sup>, such as a roof and berm





3. Installation of an <u>indoor</u> oil management system<sup>2</sup> that changes oil and collects waste



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> These solutions are not required by the City of National City, but they would likely facilitate staying in compliance with minimum storm water requirements. See the other side of this sheet for requirements commonly applicable to the restaurant and food industry.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The City of National City does not require or endorse the use of any specific brand or product.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Note that installation of outdoor structures should follow National City building codes and permitting requirements.

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### **Best Management Practices**

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The following are six requirements commonly applicable to businesses that produce and/or sell food products, such as bakeries, food producers/distributors, grocery stores, and restaurants.

1. Keep outdoor waste oil containers and surrounding areas free of grease stains and spills.



4. Pour wash water into a indoor janitorial or mop sink. Don't pour it outside into a storm drain or onto a parking lot, alley, sidewalk, or street.



2. Use dry sweeping or absorbent material for oil and grease spill cleanup instead of hosing. If wet cleanup methods are used, collect all water and take it indoors for disposal.



5. Clean floor mats, filters, and garbage cans in a mop sink, over an indoor floor drain, or on landscaping where water will not run off. Don't wash them in a parking lot, alley, sidewalk, or street.



3. Keep dumpster area clean and lid closed. Don't fill it with liquid waste or hose it out. Repair or replace leaky dumpsters.



6. Recycle grease and oil. Don't pour it into sinks, floor drains, or onto a parking lot or street. Pouring grease and food scraps down drains can clog pipes and back up sewers.



#### Laws and Enforcement

See National City Municipal Code Section 14.22, Storm Water Management and Discharge Control, for a full list of all storm water requirements applicable to businesses. Direct or indirect discharge of pollutants to the storm water conveyance system, even in rain water, is against the law.

Violations can result in civil penalties up to \$10,000 or fines up to \$25,000 per violation, per day.