

Protecting Denver's Parks at Events

Any liquid, other than rain water or snow melt, must never enter a storm drain. Putting non-stormwater liquid down a storm drain is illegal. Event coordinators and contractors are responsible for complying.

Storm drains go directly to our rivers, streams and lakes. Protect the storm drain and our environment!



Critical Actions

- Never** wash anything into a storm drain (food, trash, foliage or water/cleaning agents).
- Never** dispose of solid waste materials into any drain.
- Never** pour/allow fluids containing chemicals, detergents or additives onto the ground.

Storm sewer system discharges are prohibited without a permit per State Regulation 65.

Power Washing

- Contractors must comply with all applicable environmental regulations.
- Use absorbent and sweeping to remove all solids/trash before power washing.
- Pick up & dispose of any trash in the appropriate containers.
- Avoid cleaning products containing hazardous substances, i.e. acids, bleach, etc.

This turns our water into a hazardous waste!

- If chemicals are used, SDS must be available and the wash water must be captured, containerized and disposed of properly.
- Direct wash water towards grass/soil. Power washing must not:
 - o Create standing/flowing water
 - o Harm vegetation or cause soil erosion
 - o Contain solid materials, chemicals or detergents



Stormwater Protection

- Do not dump any liquids or materials into stormwater drains.
- Do not wash kitchen mats, exhaust filters or other equipment outside.
- Ensure items stored outside are covered and leak proof.

Spills

- ID the spilled material. Control and mitigate spill to protect sewers & drains.
- Put cardboard under a food truck's grease trap to avoid spotting.
- Be careful to avoid spills if refueling a generator at an event.
- Call 311 – say “spill” if the following occurs:
 - o Cooking oil, fuel or chemical spill is 5+ gallons.
- Call 911 if the spill is life-threatening, endangers safety or is a significant property risk.

Waste

- Vendor generated waste is regulated by the Colorado Retail Food Rules & Regulations.
- Provide clear signage for trash stations & store waste containers under cover or grass.
- Never** wash a trash container out unless wash water is captured.
- Walk the event area to pick up and properly dispose of loose trash and debris.
- Sweep the roadway and parking lots after a large event.
- Portable toilet waste is “septage” and must be properly managed.