
Water Quality Facts

1. Water that enters a curbside drain (storm drain) is not treated before it enters a waterway.
2. Even “Biodegradable” products should not be placed in the curbside drain (storm drain).
3. Water-based products (Cleaners, Chemicals, Latex Paint) should not be poured into the curbside drain (storm drain).
4. Grass clippings and leaves are organic, but, they should not be washed into the curbside drain (storm drain).
5. Most coulees and ditches in Lafayette Parish flow to the Vermilion River.
6. Litter and soil eroding into the curbside drain reduces the flow to the river.
7. The Vermilion River contains harmful bacteria found in home septic systems and animal waste.

If a spill occurs:

- Stop the source of the spill immediately.
- Contain the liquid until the cleanup is complete.
- Cover liquid spills with an absorbent material.
- Keep indoor areas well ventilated.
- Dispose of clean-up materials properly.
- Do not use an emulsifier, such as soap, as a dispersing agent.
- Do not wash anything into the street, storm drain, ditch or river.



Restaurant

Best Management Practices

to

Protect Water Quality



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Best Management Practices to Protect Water Quality

Stormwater Ordinance

Please be advised that the Environmental Quality Division of Lafayette Consolidated Government has recently adopted a

Stormwater Ordinance

Chapter 34. ENVIRONMENT

Article 5. STORMWATER

Division 4 Sec. 34-452

It is now in effect and being enforced. You may access this ordinance online at www.lafayettela.gov or you may call our office at (337) 291-8529 and we will send you a copy by mail.

The purpose of this ordinance is to provide for the health, safety, and general welfare of Lafayette Parish citizens by regulating, to the maximum extent practicable as required by state and federal law, discharges of unacceptable materials (example: oil, dirt, debris) into the storm drainage system.

POSSIBLE PENALTIES

First Offense: \$250.00 per day per offense.

Second Offense: \$500.00 per day per offense.

Third Offense and thereafter: \$1,000.00 per day per offense.

Restaurants and Food Handling

- Oil and grease can be recycled.
- Don't pour oil or grease into sinks, floor drains or onto a parking lot or street. Keep grease in closed bins.
- Maintain your grease trap to prevent overflows.
- Keep dumpster lids closed and the areas around them clean. Do not fill with liquid waste or hose them out. Call your trash hauler to replace any dumpsters that are damaged or leak.
- Clean food spills in loading and trash areas by using absorbent materials and sweeping. If mopping is necessary, discharge mop water through a grease trap into the sewer.
- Clean equipment, floor mats, filters, and garbage cans in a mop sink, wash rack, or floor drain connected to the sewer through a grease trap.
- Don't pour wash water in parking lots, alleys, sidewalks, or streets. Sweep outside areas and put the debris into the garbage instead of hosing into the parking lots, streets, or storm drains.
- Provide on-going employee training. Develop and maintain a spill response plan.



**REMEMBER
ONLY RAIN
in the Storm
Drain!**

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www.lafayettela.gov/stormwater

Below the phrase

Please ... only *rain*

Down the *drain!*

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[Local Water Quality Questionnaire](#)

Cleaning and Maintenance

- Never empty a mop bucket outside or where it can drain into a storm drain.
- Always dump mop water into a mop sink, or other appropriate sink where food prep is not done.
- Store cleaning materials and chemicals indoors.
- Never wash spills or leaks into the storm drain.
- For outdoor spills and drips, clean up promptly with a mop or absorbent material (such as kitty litter).