

Stormwater Checklist Summary of Violations Retail Food Facilities

STORMWATER



The following is a list of common types of conditions or activities that are a violation of local Stormwater ordinances. For specific details about your inspection, refer to your Stormwater Inspection Notice of Violation (NOV).

VIOLATION CODE

DESCRIPTION

PROHIBITED CONDITIONS/STORMWATER CONTACT

WF01	Dumpster lids open when not in use
WF02	Dumpster/compactor leakage likely to discharge into the storm drain system
WF03	Debris/trash accumulation evident on the ground or around the dumpster
WF04	Tallow bin lids open when not in use
WF05	Accumulation of grease build-up on the ground, such as around the tallow bin
WF06	Wastes, materials, or other items outdoors are, or are likely to, result in a discharge of pollutants to the storm drain system due to leakage or contact with rainfall

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WF07	Illicit connections to the storm drain system are evident
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PROHIBITED DISCHARGES TO STORM DRAIN SYSTEM OR OFF-SITE AREA

WF08	Overflow or leakage from outdoor grease interceptor, sewer system, or private sewage disposal system is resulting in, or is likely to result in, a discharge to the storm drainage system
WF09	Wastewater from outdoor surface washing is being discharged into the storm drain system
WF10	Accumulation of grease, food waste, mop strings, etc. evident at or near the storm drain inlets or the storm water conveyance system, and/or other evidence that mop water is being discharged to storm drain or ground
WF11	Wastewater from floor mat, food cart, equipment cleaning, and other sources is being discharged to the storm drain system
WF12	Accumulation of grease build-up near down spouts suggests that rooftop equipment is not being adequately maintained

Stormwater Inspection Information – Food Facilities

What is the storm drainage system?	The storm drainage system includes storm drains, roadside ditches, roadside gutter pans, drainage swales and channels, and in some cases natural surface waters. The storm drainage system prevents flooding in our community by conveying stormwater into local creeks and rivers. Drains located in streets and parking lots are almost always connected to the storm drainage system.
Protecting the system	Any pollutants discharged to the storm drainage system contaminate our local waters because the storm drainage system flows directly into area creeks and rivers without being treated.
Notice of Violation	The Stormwater Inspection Notice of Violation (NOV) is issued by an Environmental Specialist for stormwater ordinance violations noted during an inspection. The NOV describes the nature of the violations and explains what must be done to correct the violations.
What you must do	<p>Upon receiving a NOV for stormwater ordinance violations, the violations must be corrected as described on the NOV. Proof of correction must be provided to the Environmental Specialist at the Sacramento County Environmental Management Department within the time-frame specified on the NOV.</p> <p>Note: Failure to correct violations within the specified time-frame may result in an automatic re-inspection with a re-inspection fee and possible fines.</p>
Prohibited discharges (WF08-WF11)	<p>Violations that are resulting in an actual discharge to the storm drainage system (storm drains, street, or other drainage structures) or natural surface waters must be halted immediately. Any substances other than clean, potable water that have been discharged into the system must be removed, and any substances on the ground must be completely cleaned and prevented from being discharged into the storm drain system.</p> <p>Violations that have resulted in the discharge of substances other than clean, potable water or exempt substances to the storm drainage system are prohibited by the following sections of local stormwater ordinances: Sacramento County, Section 15.12.200; City of Citrus Heights Section 98-211; City of Elk Grove Section 15.12.100; City of Galt Section 16.10.070(a); City of Folsom Section 8.70.120; City of Rancho Cordova Section 15.12.100; and City of Sacramento Section 13.16.050.</p>
Prohibited conditions (WF01-WF06)	Violations that have not resulted in the actual discharge of substances other than clean, potable water or exempt substances to the storm drainage system, but represent conditions that are likely to result in such discharges, are prohibited by the following sections of local stormwater ordinances: Sacramento County, Section 15.12.240; City of Citrus Heights Section 98-215; City of Elk Grove Section 15.12.140; City of Folsom Section 8.70.150; City of Galt Section 16.10.090; City of Rancho Cordova Section 15.12.150; and City of Sacramento Section 13.16.120.
Illicit connections (WF07)	Illicit connections to the storm drainage system are prohibited by the following sections of local stormwater ordinances: Sacramento County, Section 15.12.240; City of Citrus Heights Section 98-215; City of Elk Grove Section 15.12.150; City of Folsom Section 8.70.160; City of Galt Section 16.10.070; City of Rancho Cordova Section 15.12.150; and City of Sacramento Section 13.16.90.
Failure to comply	Failure to stop a prohibited discharge or to otherwise not comply with the NOV is an additional violation of the local stormwater ordinance for each day the violation continues. Additional enforcement actions, including a re-inspection and a re-inspection fee, depending on the severity of the discharge and its consequences may apply. The Sacramento County Stormwater Ordinance also provides for fines of up to \$5,000 per day for continued violations. Issuance of the NOV does not prevent Sacramento County from pursuing additional enforcement actions.
Cost recovery	Businesses may be liable for costs incurred by Sacramento County or the local municipal agency in correcting, enforcing, or investigating violations.
Right to appeal	The right to appeal violations and enforcement actions is set forth in Section 15.12.540 of the Sacramento County Stormwater Ordinance. To appeal this matter, submit a written request for appeal to this office along with the appropriate fee. Call (916) 875-8440 and ask to speak with a Stormwater Specialist for more fee and appeal information. The fee will be returned if the appeal is upheld. A request for appeal must be received within 30 calendar days of receiving the NOV.
For more information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you have specific questions about your inspection or correcting your violations, contact the Environmental Specialist at the phone number on the NOV. • If you have other stormwater compliance questions, call (916) 875-8440 and ask to speak with a Stormwater Specialist. • For general information, visit EMD's website at: http://www.emd.saccounty.net