

Community Partners for Clean Streams Monthly eMonitor



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Welcome to the Community Partners for Clean Stream Monthly eMonitor

The eMonitor is designed to keep Partners updated on CPCS and stormwater management issues, provide helpful information to reduce stormwater and nonpoint source pollution, recognize new Partners, highlight upcoming events, and allow increased networking opportunities. We hope you enjoy each edition of the Monthly eMonitor and welcome any comments, concerns, or suggestions.

[Coming Soon! Series 9 of the Community Partners Handbook](#)

Fats, Oils and Grease: Recycling and Disposal

What can food service providers do to properly handle and dispose of Fats, Oils and grease (FOG)? What is a grease interceptor? What should be included in a FOG maintenance plan? What are FOG best management practices?

The ninth section of the Community Partners' Handbook will address these questions and provide helpful, money-saving tips for **Food Service Providers**. If your business or institution provides onsite food service and is interested in hearing more about this new addition to Community Partners, please contact our office or stay tuned next month for more information in the December eMonitor.

[CPCS News](#)

CPCS Participant List

For a listing of current **94** community Partners, see our webpage at

http://www.ewashtenaw.org/government/drain_commissioner/cpcs_participantlist_10_04.pdf

New and Renewed Partners

CPCS recognizes the following **new** Partnership:

- Kempf House

In addition, eleven prospective Partners are currently in the works.

[Stormwater Pollution Prevention Tip of the Month](#)

Burning Leaves

The burning of leaves, brush, and trees where smoke and other emissions are released directly into the atmosphere is termed "open burning." Not only is open burning of lawn waste a nuisance to neighbors and other community members, open burning creates pollution.



Open burning affects air quality, reduces visibility, irritates eyes and lungs, and creates other serious health concerns. Stormwater quality is also negatively affected by burning lawn waste. Ash and soot resulting from combustion can be directed to rivers and streams either through direct deposition from the atmosphere or through rain events that pick up these pollutants and carry them to waterways.

Composting leaves and yard waste is an alternative to open burning. Compost produces high-quality, valuable fertilizer, and compost piles are easy to start and maintain. For more information about composting or the environmental effects of burning yard wastes, please contact our office.

[CPCS Events](#)

Coming soon! Series 9 of the Community Partners Handbook – **Fats, Oils and Grease: Recycling and Disposal**

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