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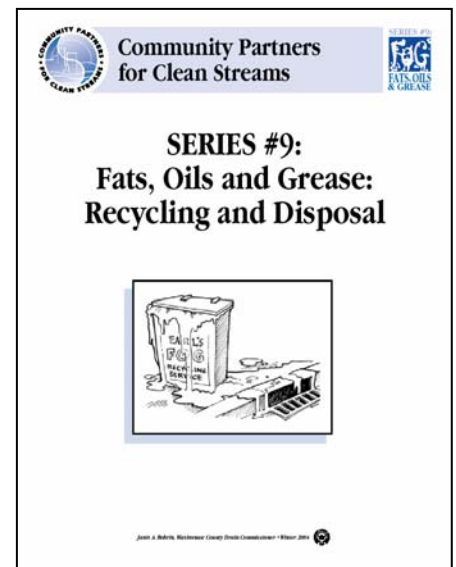
The eMonitor is designed to keep Partners updated on CPCS and stormwater management issues, provide helpful information to reduce stormwater and nonpoint source pollution, recognize new Partners, highlight upcoming events, and allow increased networking opportunities. We hope you enjoy each edition of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

Fats, Oils and Grease, Handbook Series 9 is Here!

Hot off the press, Series 9 of the Community Partner's Handbook is now available for food service/restraint Partners. This series addresses Recycling/Proper Disposal of Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) for Food Service Providers. Please contact us for hard copies of either the FOG Brochure or Series 9 from the Partners Handbook, or see the following links for electronic versions.

[Brochure](#)

[Handbook Series 9](#)

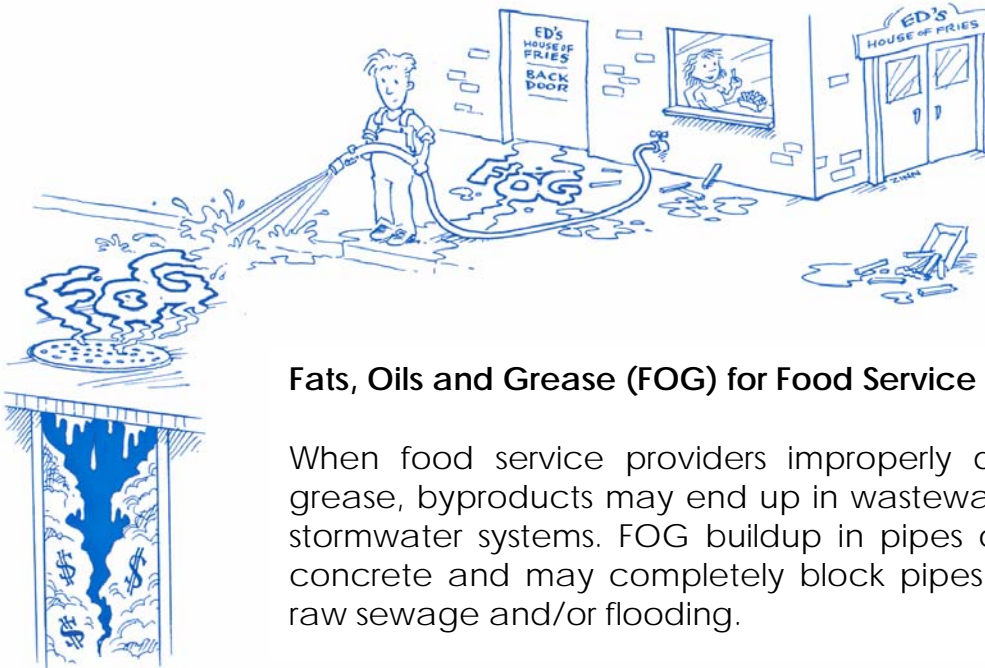


CPCS News

CPCS Participant List

Please see the following link for a [listing of the current 94 Community Partners](#).

Stormwater Pollution Prevention Tip of the Month



Hosing Does Harm
Don't Hose FOG waste
down storm drains.

Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) for Food Service Providers

When food service providers improperly dispose of fats, oils and grease, byproducts may end up in wastewater treatment plants and stormwater systems. FOG buildup in pipes can become as hard as concrete and may completely block pipes, resulting in back-ups of raw sewage and/or flooding.

Food service providers can adopt a Best Management Practices plan to properly dispose of or recycle FOG. A FOG Best Management Plan can increase safety in your work environment, can help avoid plumbing problems, can help protect local water quality, and can save your business or institution \$\$\$!

A FOG Best Management Plan may include:

- Using a FOG recycling/rendering service that provides watertight outdoor receptacles of adequate size
- Scheduling FOG pickups to accommodate FOG generation
- Avoid FOG spills
- Clean up FOG spills as soon as they occur
- Use "dry clean-up" practices to scrape, wipe, or sweep FOG from utensils, equipment, and floors prior to using "wet clean-up" methods that wash FOG down drains

Food service providers are not the only generators of FOG. If your business has a kitchen facility, proper disposal of FOG waste might be of concern. Never dump FOG waste down a

sink, into a floor drain, or into a storm drain. If you have questions, or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

CPCS Events

February 21 – Community Partners Display at the Johnson Creek Rally, Northville Township
August 21 – Community Partners Display at the Washtenaw County Waste Knots Awards

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