

Spring Lake Storm Water

Newsletter

GREASE AND FOOD PRODUCT HANDLING

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Here in the Town of Spring Lake our Storm Drainage system is governed by the State of North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NC DENR) Phase II rules.

What exactly does that mean to the restaurants located here?

Simply this...we all need to keep grease, food and trash out of our storm drains. By doing so, each of us are helping to sustain, and improve, the water quality in the Cape Fear River basin.

So what can I do to help?

Keep your trash in the container or dumpster located at your building...don't let it spill out or blow around. If you discard leftover food, make sure it is in sealed bags (so it won't leak). Check your dumpster to make sure it isn't a source for "dumpster juice". This is the liquid that builds up over time, and can leak out on the ground and then into the storm drain system. If you have this problem, contact the Town or NC DENR for assistance in fixing the problem before it gets out of hand. Don't throw wash bucket / mop bucket / rinse water down the storm drains (this would be considered an illicit discharge which is covered by a separate set of rules and is punishable by fines). All these need to be disposed of in the sanitary sewer sink equipped with the grease trap.

Who does the checking?

Both the Town of Spring Lake and the NC DENR will check the exterior of your building for compliance. This includes trash collection area, exterior storm drains, and general appearance of the parking lot. If there are any problems you will be notified by the inspector.

What if I have questions?

Please call the Town of Spring Lake Storm Water Administrator, Byron Blumenfeld at 436-0241 x 310. If you see any infractions or have any problems use that number for your "Hot Line" report.