

**The Environmentally Acceptable
Packaging and Products Ordinance
City Ordinance (6.48)**



Polystyrene “To-Go” Containers

a. The use of polystyrene (or Styrofoam) disposable food service containers, including “to-go” containers, is prohibited.



**For more information, please
call City of Santa Cruz
Environmental Compliance at
831-420-6046.**

**Storm Water
Best Management
Practices:
Mobile Food Vendors**



b. Food providers within the City of Santa Cruz must use to-go food service ware including cutlery and lids that are certified biodegradable, compostable, or recyclable in the City’s recycling program.

**REMEMBER: ONLY RAIN
DOWN THE STORM
DRAIN!!!!**

c. All food providers may only give straws, lids, cutlery, and to-go condiment packages upon request of the customer.



In the City of Santa Cruz, water in streets, gutters, and storm drains flows directly to local creeks, the San Lorenzo River or Monterey Bay without any treatment. Wash water from outdoor cleaning often carries food particles, soap, degreasers, trash and other harmful pollutants that clog storm drains, damage sensitive creek habitats, and pollute our bay and ocean. In fact, discharging any kind of polluting substance into a storm drain or any place where it will run off into a storm drain is against the law.

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In order to reduce the amount of pollutants reaching local storm drains, the City developed “Best Management Practices” (BMPs). All mobile food vendors are required to abide by the following Mandatory BMPs.

Mandatory Best Management Practices (BMPs)

Employee Training:

a. All employees must be trained on the mandatory Best Management Practices prior to engaging in any related activities. A log of all training events, during the past year, must be kept on-site and made available to the City upon request.

b. Owners/operators of mobile food vendor vehicles are responsible for ensuring that all employees abide by these BMPs, and any other applicable storm water and wastewater discharge requirements.

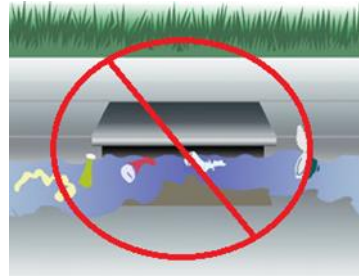
Trash and Recycling:

a. Leaking containers or garbage bags may not be placed into a dumpster.

b. Garbage can lids must be kept on securely. Do not allow trash to spill out or overflow the garbage can.

c. When cleaning areas where trash and recycling is contained/stored or when cleaning individual cans and containers the wastewater must be collected and discharged to the sanitary sewer.

d. Leakage from dumpsters or trash and recycling containers may not be discharged to or allowed to reach the storm drain system. Do not place trash and recycling containers near or over a storm drain inlet.



e. Recycle grease and oil. Do not pour it into a parking lot, street or storm drain.

f. Check eating areas around your food truck for trash left behind by your customers before leaving the site.

Floors, Floor Mats, Kitchen Racks, Kitchen Utensils/Dishes, and Kitchen Appliances:

a. Floor cleaning wastewater (including mop water) may not be discharged to a street or the storm drain system.

b. Floor mats, kitchen racks, kitchen utensils/dishes, and kitchen appliances may not be cleaned in an outside area where wash water may flow to a street, gutter, catch basin, storm drain, or waterway.

c. The wastewater from cleaning greasy kitchen racks, kitchen utensils or kitchen appliances must be discharged to the sanitary sewer through a grease removal device.

Equipment Maintenance and Cleaning:

a. Equipment and stove/oven hood exhaust filters may not be cleaned in an outside area where wash water may flow to the street or storm drain system. The wastewater from hood steaming or the cleaning of exhaust filters must be discharged to the sanitary sewer through a

grease removal device. This should be performed at the appropriate facility.

b. All wastewater discharges must go to the sanitary sewer and not to the street or storm drain system.

c. Exterior washing of food vendor vehicle should be conducted at a commercial car wash or other similar facility.

d. Food vendor vehicles should be properly maintained and routinely checked for leaks.

Leaks and Spill Cleanup:

a. Clean up leaks and spills immediately. Be sure that the leak or spill has been stopped at its source.

b. Never rinse or hose leaks or spills into a street, parking lot, or the storm drain system.

c. If absorbent is used for leaks and spills, they are not considered “cleaned up” until the absorbent is also picked up and disposed of properly.

d. Use dry cleaning methods, such as sweeping to clean up spills.

