# Mobile Food Vendors



# Environmental Guidelines



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## What You Pour on the Street...



## ... Can Get Washed into Our Creeks and Bay.

#### **Mobile Food Vendors**

- Mobile Food Vendors, such as catering trucks, hot dog stands, street fair booths, and kiosks, are mobile businesses that prepare, cook, and serve food to the public. They are:
  - required to possess a valid health permit.
  - potential pollution sources to the storm drain unless Best Management Practices are used to prevent pollution.
- For further information or to report spills to any storm drain, call (408) 945-3000 or go to: www.sanjoseca.gov/esd

# Would you pour dirty water in a creek?

- Gutters and storm drains in streets and parking lots connect to creeks without any treatment.
- It is illegal to allow any substance other than rain to go down the storm drain.
- Make sure any spill is cleaned up within a timely manner. Spills can contain different materials and most nonhazardous materials can be thrown in the trash if done so properly. For questions about proper disposal of hazardous materials, call (800) 207-8222 or visit www.hhw.org.

# Here's What You Can Do to Keep Creeks Clean

#### Only Rain Down the Drain.

Do not dump grease, food waste, wash water, ice, or anything else in the street, gutter, or

storm drain.

Spills must be cleaned up and disposed of immediately and properly.

Keep a spill kit handy for emergencies. It should include: an absorbent like kitty litter, a broom, and a trash bag for the disposal of contents. Coordinate disposal of toxic materials with Santa Clara County Hazardous Waste Recycling and Disposal.

Follow the "Mobile Businesses Best Management Practices" for surface cleaning. Visit mywatershedwatch.org.



### **Properly Bag and** Dispose of All Waste.

Trash is a pollutant regardless of whether it enters the storm drain.

Remember, some trash can be recycled.

Some items, such as cleaning supplies are toxic. These should not be mixed in with trash, but disposed of as hazardous waste.

No liquid wastes (water or oil) in the trash. Make the wet waste "dry" by mixing with kitty litter or other material and be sure to contain it all in a trash bag before disposal.

Check around your operation and clean up any trash before leaving the area.

#### **Hold All Waste** Water on Board.

All wash water used for cleaning, melted ice water, and cooling equipment discharge must be disposed of properly at your facility's sanitary sewer connection (e.g., sink, clean-out, mop sink).

#### You Can be Fined for:

Illegally discharging of food waste, wash water, or ice in a gutter or down a storm drain **can** result in a \$500 or more fine **plus** cleanup costs.



Violations can result in a \$500 fine or more for repeat violations.

Visit **sjenvironment.org/EPS** for alternative products and a price listing.

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