

“New Online Stormwater Training Resource”

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With the rainy season starting in October, now is the time to train your staff to prevent common mistakes that result in the pollution of water both onsite and around your restaurant. A new online slideshow is available for training your employees. To view this training, log onto the Project Clean Water website at www.projectcleanwater.org and click on the heading “Stormwater training for restaurant employees - Flash Video.” This narrated slide show reviews practical ways to stop runoff pollution and is available in English or Spanish.

Talk to your employees about this online program as a training option. Take time to review the training, answer questions, and ensure they understand what is expected of them. Document the training with a training sign-in sheet.

If you still have questions, contact your city’s stormwater program. Go to www.projectcleanwater.org/bmp then click on “Resources” to find the contact information for your local stormwater program. The County of San Diego has a limited supply of DVDs available for free to businesses in the unincorporated areas of the County.

Preventing pollution is everyone’s responsibility and failure to act can result in citations or fines.

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