

Poorly maintained dumpsters and escaped litter can have harmful effects on our island's waters when storm water carries pollutants such as food wrappers, plastic containers and cigarette butts into the storm drain system.

Best Management Practices are simple and effective ways to prevent storm water pollution and keep our coastal waters clean.

BE AN EVERYDAY  
CLEAN WATER



What you do on land  
affects our waters

To report anything  
other than rainwater entering  
the street or storm drain:

CALL  
Environmental Concern Line 768-3300  
When City offices are closed , call 911

VISIT  
CLEANWATERHONOLULU.com

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Honolulu 311 App



## DUMPSTER AND TRASH BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR STORM WATER PROTECTION



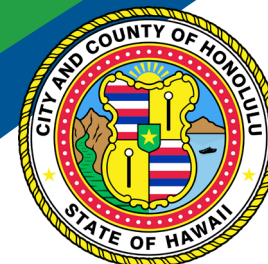
APARTMENT COMPLEXES, COMMERCIAL BUSINESSES,  
RESTAURANTS, SCHOOLS, SPECIAL EVENTS

The Federal Clean Water Act gives the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) the authority to implement water pollution control programs. Local statutes and ordinances address compliance and enforcement of the EPA's mandates.

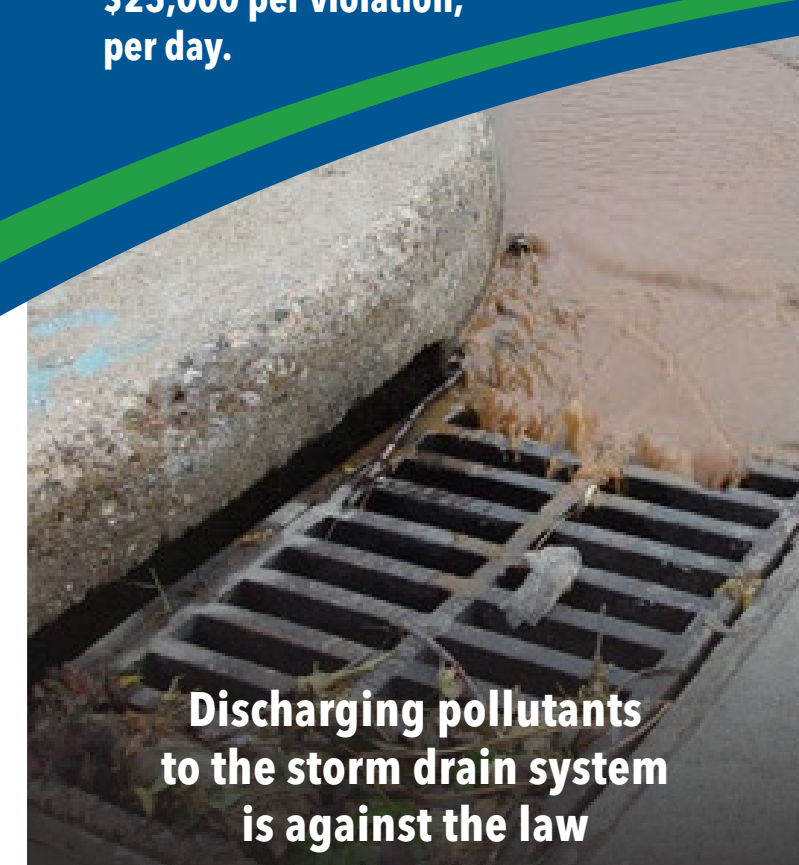
*"It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge or cause to be discharged any pollutant into any drainage facility which causes a pollution problem in state waters, or causes a violation of any provision of the City NPDES [National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System] permit or the water quality standards of the State of Hawaii."*

Revised Ordinances of Honolulu §14-12.23(a)

Violations can result in fines of up to  
\$25,000 per violation,  
per day.



CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
DEPARTMENT OF FACILITY MAINTENANCE



Discharging pollutants  
to the storm drain system  
is against the law



**Close dumpster lids to prevent litter from escaping.**



**Stage trash collection areas away from storm drains.**



**Provide ample trash receptacles and encourage their use.**



**Maintain dumpster areas using dry clean-up methods such as sweeping.**



### DUMPSTER MAINTENANCE

- DO NOT HOSE OUT DUMPSTERS.
- Regularly inspect dumpsters for leaks, holes, and broken parts. If found, contact your waste hauler to have the dumpster repaired or replaced.
- Avoid exposing dumpsters to rainfall by keeping under shelter.
- Liquids and oils should be absorbed before placing in the dumpster. Only empty containers should be placed in the trash.
- Apply absorbent over any fluids spilled in dumpster. Clean up and dispose of used absorbents properly.
- Keep hazardous waste out of trash receptacles (i.e. e-waste, appliances, unabsorbed paint waste, cleaning chemicals, pesticides, etc.)

### DUMPSTER STORAGE AREAS

- DO NOT HOSE DOWN DUMPSTER STORAGE AREAS. If the area requires cleaning, use dry clean-up methods.
- Regularly inspect the trash enclosure and surrounding area for signs of leaking such as stains or problems such as the accumulation of grime.
- Mark all storm drains with "No Dumping" markers.
- Stage trash collection areas away from storm drains.
- Discourage illegal dumping by posting "No Dumping" signs, providing adequate lighting and/or fencing off dumpsters in open areas.

### CONTROL LITTER

- Keep dumpster lids closed.
- Size dumpster for your business trash load.
- Schedule pickup frequency to keep dumpsters from becoming overloaded and keeping the cover open.
- Properly bag trash before putting it in the dumpster.
- When transporting material, cover and tie down loads.
- Provide ample trash receptacles for your customers and encourage their use.
- Require contractors to collect all trash including landscaping debris.
- Regularly sweep street frontage and common areas to keep storm drains clear of trash.

### PROPERTY MANAGER RESPONSIBILITIES

- Communicate proper trash etiquette and expectations to tenants.
- Include trash control requirements in lease documents.
- Consider requiring a trash management deposit when leasing out facilities.

