



PACE
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Stormwater Protection *Restaurants*

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What is PACE?

PACE provides education outreach, technical assistance, and recognition for environmental achievement. The program is available at no cost to businesses in Boulder County. PACE offers:

- Assessments to identify opportunities for waste reduction, water conservation, and energy-efficiency
- Information and assistance to meet your business needs
- Compliance education
- Public recognition for your environmental efforts

Why Participate?

Compliance – Our free, non-regulatory consultations help you comply with environmental laws and ordinances and reduce your liability.

Cost Savings - Less waste means lower disposal and operating costs. Efficient use of water, energy, and materials saves money.

Public Image - Environmental practices impact your image with customers, the community, and regulatory agencies.

Public Recognition!

PACE publicly recognizes certified businesses through free advertising. This includes Internet listings and advertising in newspapers, magazines, utility bill inserts, and radio spots. Certified businesses receive a PACE window decal and framed certificate.

PACE encourages the public to support businesses that contribute to the community through environmentally sound operating practices.

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Federal and local regulations require that stormwater protection practices be in place at businesses that could potentially pollute stormwater. Anything entering a storm drainage flows untreated into the water bodies we use for swimming, fishing, and drinking water. Many practices in a restaurant may contribute to stormwater pollution. These include washing patios and sidewalks and allowing the water to run into the storm drainage system, dumpsters becoming full of water and leaking out, grease spills, and cleaning equipment outside. No wash water is allowed to go to a storm drain.

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMPS)

The objective in stormwater protection is to ensure that only rainwater and snow melt go to a storm drain. Best Management Practices (BMPs) are specific steps taken to prevent stormwater pollution as a result of day-to-day business operations. All employees should read this information sheet as a training guide in order to ensure your facility is in compliance with stormwater regulations.

ACTIVITY	BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES
General Kitchen Practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not dispose of any liquids or other materials outside. Direct flow of wash water and pollutants from your facility to storm drains, gutters, or waterways is illegal. • Kitchen equipment and floor mats may not be cleaned outside. Floor mats can be cleaned in the dishwasher or at a car wash. • Non-hazardous liquid wastes should go to an indoor drain connected to the sanitary sewer.
Cleaning of Patios and Sidewalks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The best way to clean your patio and sidewalk is to use "dry" cleanup methods such as sweeping, using absorbents, and spot scrubbing stains. • Outside eating areas and sidewalks may not be hosed down or pressure washed UNLESS the following standards are met: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use dry cleanup methods prior to any pressure washing (e.g. absorbing with kitty litter, sweeping, vacuuming, scraping off dried debris). - Wash water must be captured for proper disposal. Collected water should be discharged to a sanitary drain. - Wash water may NOT be discharged to a storm drain. If you DO NOT use any chemicals or detergents AND are only cleaning surfaces of ambient dust, then you may direct wash water to nearby landscaping OR contain it on-site and allow it to evaporate.
Trash and Grease Receptacles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All waste receptacles must be sturdy, leak-tight, and equipped with lids or covers. Covers must be kept closed. • NEVER wash a trash or grease container outside unless wash water is captured and discharged to a sanitary drain. • Be sure grease containers are kept closed at all times. • Spilled grease should be cleaned-up immediately and disposed of in the grease bin. Use absorbents to contain and clean-up spilled grease. • Never place liquids or liquid-containing wastes in an outdoor waste receptacle.
Service providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You are responsible for ensuring that your service providers (i.e. grease haulers, trash haulers, and pressure washers) understand and obey all local stormwater ordinances.

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