



Keep Rain Flowing Down the Drain in Franklin.

As a business owner, you are responsible for all pollutants that leave your property. You play a big role in keeping our waterways clean and healthy! Follow these tips to ensure that the water that drains off your parking lots and roofs is clean.

DO



- Keep storm drains, catch basins, and stormwater structures clear of snow, litter, grass, and leaves. They can clog these structures.
- Perform maintenance on stormwater infrastructure (i.e., clean out catch basins, swales, etc.) annually or in accordance with your Operations & Maintenance Plan. Record in a maintenance log.

Don't



- Don't leave salt and ice melt uncovered and open to rain and snow.
- Don't dump grease or oil into a storm drain, catch basin, or other stormwater structure.

Why is this necessary?

Rain that falls on and around your business can pick up trash and dirt as it drains away. Much of this water, or stormwater, ends up in our lakes, rivers, and streams. It's the fastest growing type of water pollution in Massachusetts. Stormwater pollution is bad business for our State's waterways. It harms fish and wildlife, makes our water unsafe to drink, and can spoil outdoor activities.

Business owners can do their part to keep Massachusetts' waterways clean.

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