

# Protect Our Waterways

## Love Your Dumpsters



### Clean Kitchens Clean Trash Areas

The city of Northglenn understands that you take every precaution to keep your dining establishment as clean as possible. We ask that you extend this to your trash areas. Dumpster areas that are not properly maintained can taint the city's waterways, as storm drains inlets do NOT connect to the sanitary sewer. Runoff goes straight to the nearest ditch or creek.



### Daily actions affect water quality. Make good choices.

When water from irrigation and rain washes over landscape, parking lots and streets, it collects fertilizers, pesticides, pet waste, soap, oil, and other pollutants. The runoff flows into storm drains **untreated** and ends up polluting the nearest stream, lake or wetland.

### Help Keep Our City and Our Waterways Clean by Following These Tips:

- Overflowing dumpsters mean you need a bigger dumpster or more frequent collections.
- Sweep or use other dry methods to clean the area.
- Close dumpster lids to keep rain out and trash in.
- Bag and seal food waste before throwing away.
- Enclose dumpsters in a roofed or bermed area to prevent exposure to rain and snow.
- Use proper grease disposal bins. Monitor this area for unauthorized use or theft.
- Pour wash waters into a mop sink or indoor floor drain, not outside.

Residential and commercial property owners must ensure that chemicals, material waste, leaves and dirt do not enter storm drains, street gutters or ditches.  
Please do your part to keep our streams and creeks clean.



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