



Hood Cleaning in the Des Moines Metro Area



Hood Cleaners provide restaurant owners with an important, necessary service that generates large amounts of dirty, greasy wastewater. **Hood Cleaners** prevent fire hazards, keep kitchen equipment clean and allow restaurants to operate in a safe, healthy environment.

The **Des Moines Metropolitan Wastewater Reclamation Authority** has a goal of protecting the public health and environment from wastes. Capture of wastewater, including any rooftop wastewater, is an important step in the hood cleaning services.

Please be aware of your wastes and where they ultimately end up.

The incorrect method to dispose of generated wastewater:

- It is never acceptable for wastewater to be disposed of outside in a ditch or storm drain.
- This is unlawful and is prosecutable by law.

The correct method to dispose of wastewater generated during hood cleaning:

- Preferably, capture the wastewater into a container and pump it into a licensed waste hauler truck. This waste is acceptable for disposal at the Des Moines Wastewater Reclamation Facility.



- **OR** dispose of it into an acceptable, on-site sanitary sewer drain.
 - Note: improper disposal of wastewater will put the restaurant at risk of violating a City Ordinance that controls Fat, Oil and Grease (FOG) discharge to the sanitary sewers. If the restaurant has an in-floor or above floor, small grease trap, disposal into the trap may cause FOG to be emulsified and pass into the public sanitary sewers. Dispose of wastewater in a drain not connected to a small grease trap.

Questions or concerns regarding capture or disposal of waste generated during hood cleaning services can be directed to Nikki Phillips at 515-323-8131 or Larry Hare at 515-323-8010.

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