



CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

June 27, 2016

R. Michael Andrews/Hometown Buffet Inc.
9635 Chapman Ave.
Garden Grove, CA 92841

**Subject: Notice of Violation – Grease Spillage at 9635 Chapman Ave.
Garden Grove, California 92841.**

Dear R. Michael Andrews:

On June 23, 2016, Garden Grove Environmental Compliance Division (GGECD) received a call regarding a grease trap interceptor spillage that occurred from the commercial business property located at 9635 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove, California 92841. The spillage occurred from a grease trap interceptor overflow. City Staff from the Garden Grove Sanitary District were dispatched. GGSD crews arrived on scene to berm and dike off the spillage in the parking lot. This unauthorized discharge is a violation of the City of Garden Grove Storm Water Quality Ordinance 6.40.040.

Federal, State, and local laws prohibit non-storm water discharges into the municipal storm drain system. Discharge of fats, oils, grease material into the municipal storm drain system is not permitted and is not only a violation of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) storm water regulations, but also State & Local regulations and laws promulgated to protect and maintain the quality of water within the State of California.

Non-storm water releases, which include fats, oils, grease, paints, automotive fluids, construction materials, and **other wastes**, contribute to non-point source pollution. These pollutants are washed into storm drains by rain, irrigation run-off, which impacts rivers, streams, and the ocean.

Management of your generated non-storm water discharges by use of Best Management Practices (BMP'S) will ensure that regulatory intervention, which may carry civil as well as criminal penalties and fines per incident and occurrence in protecting sensitive receiving waters, is avoided. The State Fish and Game Code, State Water Code, and Municipal Water Quality Ordinances enforced by this department all include provisions that prohibit the un-permitted discharge of non-storm water discharge into the municipal storm drain system and surface waters of the State.

In addition, this letter is provided to explain that you must take appropriate measures to prevent these types of discharges in the future.

1. Establish and implement a staff training schedule on Food Service Establishment Best Management Practices (BMP'S). Use a training log or similar method to document training annually. Additionally, non-structural BMP'S such as record keeping of maintenance schedules current and ready for review by local, state, and federal agencies must be readily available for review by inspectors from the City, County, or State Agencies.

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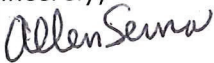
2. The private sewer lines must be inspected, cctv , and be placed and implemented on a proactive preventative maintenance program for hydro jetting cleaning schedule of the sewer lateral lines to prevent excessive buildup in the lines of FOG (Fats, Oils, Grease), by a licensed professional plumbing company.
3. It is also recommended that the food service establishment (Home Town Buffet) be put on a more frequent scheduled pumping/cleaning service, quarterly, for the grease trap interceptor servicing.
4. Advise the City of Garden Grove Sanitation Division daytime hours at 714-741-5396 and City of Garden Grove Environmental Compliance Division at 714-741-5375, or Garden Grove Police Department after hours at 714-741-5704, if you have another spillage occurring.

You are hereby put on notice by the City of Garden Grove. Please provide the City of Garden Grove Environmental Compliance Division with a written status report update on the corrective actions required that you will take for your business, above within 5 working calendar days of receipt of this letter.

Please note that you are subject to a reinspection at any time to verify that corrective actions have been implemented.

Please visit our website at www.garden-grove.org/storm If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Allen Serna at 714-741-5278 or 714-719-1172.

Sincerely,



Allen Serna
Environmental Services Specialist

Enclosures: BMP Fact Sheet IC22 "Eating & Drinking Establishments", "Sewer Spill Prevention", "Food Service Establishments" "Maintenance Practices for Your Business"