Cleaning and Disposal

Type of Surface	Cleaning Method	Proper Disposal
Sidewalks, plazas	Dry cleanup* first, wash without soap	Screen wash water,* if needed, to catch debris THEN Discharge to landscaping,* or to a gutter, street, or storm drain
Sidewalks, plazas	Block the storm drain or contain runoff* Dry cleanup,* then wash with soap	Discharge to landscaping* OR Collect water and pump to the sewer*
Parking areas, driveways, drive- throughs	 Block the storm drain or contain runoff* Use absorbents to pick up oil; then dry sweep Clean with or without soap 	Collect water and pump to the sewer* Check the local wastewater authority's requirements for discharge
Restaurant/food handling dumpster areas, grease storage	Block the storm drain or contain runoff* Dry cleanup	If you must use water after sweeping/using absorbents, collect water and pump to the sewer* Check the local wastewater authority's requirements for discharge
Building surfaces, wood decks, etc., without loose paint	Use high-pressure water, no soap	Screen wash water,* if needed, to catch debris THEN Discharge to landscaping,* or to a gutter, street, or storm drain
Unpainted building surfaces, decks, etc.	Block the storm drain or contain runoff* Use soap or acid wash to remove deposits, wood restorer, or other chemicals	Make sure pH is between 6 and 10 THEN Discharge to landscaping* OR Collect wash water in a tank* and pump to the sewer Check the local wastewater authority's requirements for discharge
Painted surfaces being cleaned to remove paint or graffiti	Block the storm drain or contain runoff* Use any cleaning method	Collect wash water in a tank and pump to the sewer, or dispose as hazardous waste, as appropriate* Call the local wastewater authority or the state Department of Toxic Substances Control (510—540—3732) for help in determining whether the paint contains toxic pollutants such as lead, mercury, or tri-butyl tin; or if the solvent cleaners you use are hazardous
Graffiti removal * See tips section for ideas on how to do t	Block the storm drain or contain runoff* Wet sand-blast	Direct all runoff to a landscaped or unpaved area* OR Follow instructions above for painted surfaces

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