Outdoor festivals and events have the potential for pollutants to enter into the City’s storm sewer system. All storm drains lead to the Cache la Poudre River, not to a wastewater treatment plant. Resulting impacts of water pollution can range from oil floating on the water to effects on local wildlife.

Fat, Oil, and Grease (FOG) Disposal
- Use a FOG recycling vendor, if available
- Transport cooking FOG off-site for recycling
- Clean spills promptly with a dry material such as kitty litter, sweep and dispose of it in trash receptacles

Grey Water Collection and Removal
- Dispose of kitchen wash water into grey water receptacles located near food vendors

Portable Toilet Service
- Ensure portable toilets are staked down
- Use a licensed waste hauler to dispose of portable toilet waste
- Confirm that the units are removed as soon as the event is completed

Power Washing Wastewater
- Powerwashing wastewater must be collected and disposed of in the sanitary sewer OR
- directed towards landscaping if minimal water and no chemicals or soap is used

Trash Collection and Removal
- Empty waste containers regularly to prevent overflow
- Store waste containers under cover or on grassy areas, if possible
- Check waste containers for leakage and repair
- Repair leaking containers
- Do not wash out waste containers on site
- Pick up loose trash and debris

By disposing of waste properly, your business can help ensure a healthier Cache la Poudre River. As a reminder, wastewater can never be disposed of in the City’s storm drains or streets (Section 26-498 of the Fort Collins Municipal Code). Fort Collins Utilities hopes that you will use this information to remind you, your employees and the community about proper wastewater disposal.