



DID YOU KNOW?

Rain that falls into and around your dumpsters can pick up oil, grease, sediment, and bacteria. Much of this stormwater ends up in our lakes, rivers, and streams. It can harm fish and wildlife, ruin outdoor recreation, and it can also make our water unsafe to drink.

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Make sure lids are kept closed and locked.



Check for leaks and replace the dumpster if needed.



Schedule regular pick-ups so it doesn't get too full.

DUMPSTER JUICE

Not a cocktail you want to drink! Put waste in its place for clean water.

Keep dumpsters and compactors covered at all times so that rainfall does not run through garbage, leak "juice" onto parking lots, and wash off into storm drains. If you see this liquid, work with your solid waste contractor to make sure the dumpster is frequently emptied, lids are in good condition, and that the dumpster and/or compactor are water tight. Also, locate your dumpster and compactor as far away from storm drains as possible.

As a business owner, you play a big role in keeping our waterways clean and healthy. Do your part by properly storing your trash until pick-up.

For more information on how your business can help stop water pollution, visit our website at [www.http://thinkblueconnecticutriver.org/](http://thinkblueconnecticutriver.org/)



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