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Pest Prevention Best Practices for

# FLOOR DRAIN CLEANING & MAINTENANCE



- Check seals around drains.** Ensure that grout or sealant around all drains is intact and in good condition.
- For floor drains with attached grates or lids, ensure that the top grate is clear of debris on a daily basis.** This allows water to flow to the drain properly. As part of regular cleaning, remove the screws that attach the lid or grate and inspect the opening for cleanliness and presence of pests or breeding activity, especially small fly activity.
- Inspect basin-type floor drains daily to see if they are clear of debris.** Regularly inspect for the presence of pests or breeding activity.
- Remove visible food debris from floor drains on a daily basis.**
- Check the ends of open pipes that feed into floor drains.** They should be free of visible organic material.
- Ensure that bar, sink, and other utility drains are free-flowing.** Water should drain quickly into the basin.
- Flush fountain drink lines regularly and clean up syrup spills.** Soda syrup sugars are highly attractive to small flies. Be sure that newly connected lines do not have any leaks, and clean up any spills immediately. Soda residue can build up in the drain lines, as well, attracting small flies. If you have a company that maintains your fountains, your service should include line flushing.
- Pour water into rarely used floor drains to keep the P-trap properly filled.** This can be done as frequently as weekly.
- Thoroughly clean floor drains on a weekly basis.** Use a stiff brush and a drain cover to prevent splatter. Small flies have a short life cycle, so monthly cleaning will not defeat a small fly problem. Need assistance? Rentokil Steritech can assist you with a cleaning program.
- Inform your pest management company if you are having a small fly issue.** An expert may be able to identify a problem source that you do not see.