



HOW TO RECYCLE KITCHEN GREASE

INTRODUCTION

Recycling used cooking oil and grease from fryers and other cooking equipment keeps fats, oils and grease (FOG) out of the sewer and storm drain systems. Used cooking oil and grease that has not been mixed with water is also known as “yellow” grease and can be recycled into animal feed, lubricants, and fuels such as biodiesel. The used cooking oil and grease should be collected in sealed bins or sealed containers that can be stored outside. Small quantities of oil that cannot be recycled should be solidified with absorbent materials, placing the used materials in a separate sealed bag before throwing away. Large quantities of used cooking oil should be recycled.



DOs OF RECYCLING GREASE

- DO save used cooking oil for recycling in sealed bins or sealed containers by emptying into solid containers that you can easily lift and pour.
- DO combine used oil and grease collected from an automatic grease trap with the recycled grease bin/container contents after asking the renderer if it's okay to mix the oils.
- DO keep bins and containers sealed, tightly closed or locked to prevent illegal dumping and to keep insects, animals, rainwater and wind out. If the bins and containers are stored outside, keep them under a roof and away from storm drains.
- DO report overflowing or leaking bins or containers to management.

RECYCLED GREASE STORAGE AREA

- Keep area clean by using absorbent sweep or mop and put dirty mop water in the mop sink.
- Place used absorbent sweep or cat litter, paper towels or similar materials for cleaning in a separate sealed plastic bag before placing in the trash.
- Keep spill cleanup kits containing rags, absorbent sweep, kitty litter, etc., near the storage area in an accessible location.
- Keep the exterior of the container clean by using absorbent materials to wipe off any noticeable grease.

DON'Ts OF RECYCLING GREASE

- DON'T pour FOG into a sink, floor drain, storm drain, dumpster, plastic bags or on outdoor surfaces or landscaped areas.
- DON'T combine FOG from the manual grease trap or grease interceptor with the recyclable oils and grease.*
- DON'T wash recycling area or outdoor spills into the sewer or storm drain.

* See Grease Trap Maintenance and Grease Interceptor Maintenance instruction sheets for more information on how to dispose of non-recyclable FOG.

