



Stormwater Best Management Practices

Grease Recycling Bins

Help protect our valley's water supply

Recycling used cooking oil and grease from fryers and other cooking equipment helps keep oils and grease out of the storm drain system. When it rains, cooking oil and grease not properly disposed of enters storm drains. It is important to collect and temporarily store used cooking oil for recycling in sealed containers that workers can easily lift and pour. The following good housekeeping practices can be implemented with reasonable effort and cost to the facility manager or owner:

- Train all employees on proper methods for handling and disposing used cooking oil and grease.
- Absorb cooking oil spills with a rag or use dry absorbent (i.e. kitty litter). Sweep, bag, and dispose of used absorbent in the trash.
- Never pour oil or grease on the ground or into trash dumpsters. If not recycled, solidify the oil with absorbent, place in a sealed bag and dispose of it in the trash.
- Do not place paper towels, trash, food particles or automotive fluids in the grease recycler. Any of these additions will contaminate the used cooking oil, making it unrecyclable.
- Keep grease recyclers closed to prevent contact with stormwater.
- Contact a licensed pumping company to haul used grease.



A poorly maintained grease recycling bin. The bin is open and has a thick build-up of used cooking oil and grease on the outside.

Recycled Grease Storage Area

- Store grease recycling bins in areas protected from traffic and away from storm drains.
- Regularly inspect the grease bins and surrounding area for spills and trash.
- Keep the exterior of the grease bins clean by wiping with a rag or scraping up any noticeable grease. Do not rinse the grease bin unless the water is collected for proper disposal!
- Dirty bins that are beyond normal cleaning should be replaced.
- Provide secondary containment (i.e. berm or drip pan) where feasible.



A well-maintained grease recycling bin. The lid is closed and there is no build-up of grease.

Thank you for improving the quality of our water

If you would like more information on water quality pollution prevention, contact your jurisdiction's stormwater agency:

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