

# MANAGING COOKING OIL

## Safe Storage and Disposal Tips

### HANDLING & STORAGE



Used cooking oil should be collected and stored in indoor and/or outdoor recycling storage containers clearly labeled with the restaurant name.

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Oil storage containers should be stored away from storm drain openings and should remain covered with a securely fitting lid to avoid spills or overflows.

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Only used cooking oil from frying (not grease control devices) should go in the oil storage container.

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Routinely inspect storage containers for open lids, spills, or illegal dumping.

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Train kitchen staff routinely on best management practices for safely handling and disposing of used cooking oil.

### SERVICE



Used cooking oil is picked up by vendors/haulers who reuse or recycle it into other products.

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Before the oil storage container is full, call your vendor for service.

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Keep a log on site to record the date of each disposal by the vendor and the approximate volume of cooking oil removed.

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# HANDLING OIL SPILLS

Spills can happen during deposits or withdrawals from a cooking oil recycling container. If there is a spill, follow these steps to assess the situation and clean it up immediately:

- 1** Stop/contain the spill and prevent it from reaching storm drains with absorbent pads and socks. (Do not attempt to clean up spills by rinsing/hosing or using degreasers.)
- 2** If you cannot absorb the spill, call a professional cleanup and recovery company to collect and remove the grease and wash water to prevent it from entering the storm drain.
- 3** For smaller spills that can be cleaned with a spill kit, follow these steps:

**Use a spill kit** that includes:

Kitty litter • Disposable gloves • Disposal bags  
Zip ties • Absorbent pads and socks

**Apply absorbent material** (kitty litter, pads, or socks) on the spill area.

After allowing the absorbent material to sit for a period of time, **sweep carefully** to avoid generating dust.

Collect materials and residues and **place them in a waste container/bag**.

**Put the waste container/bag into a dumpster.**

**Clean the spill area with water**, being sure to capture the excess water that is generated. **DO NOT allow oil or the cleanup material/wash water to enter the storm drain.** It may be necessary to use absorbent socks around the storm drains to prevent this from happening.

**Send any excess water** collected through a drain that passes **through a grease control device**.

If any grease makes it to the storm drain, call your local Fats, Oil, and Grease (FOG) program manager or stormwater department.