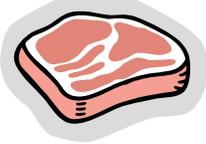


Where Does Grease Come From?

- ★ Meat fats of all types, including fish and chicken



- ★ Lard, shortening, butter, margarine

- ★ Food scraps



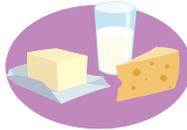
- ★ Cooking oil

- ★ Sauces and gravies

- ★ Salad Dressing

- ★ Mayonnaise

- ★ Milk, yogurt, ice cream



Grease doesn't have to cause problems.



Problems arise when grease is improperly disposed of.

It Starts With You...

To report spills or illegal dumping, call the Utilities Operations Division at 813-757-9191. The Operations Division is staffed all hours, including holidays. You can remain anonymous.

If you witness any illegal dumping, please provide as much information as you can about the incident including: the time and location of the spill or illegal dumping, the closest address, what was spilled or dumped, and any details that could help the City to identify the responsible party.

For a list of companies that clean grease interceptors, information on setting up a grease recycling container, or for more information on best management practices, please contact the Water Resource Management Division using the information below.



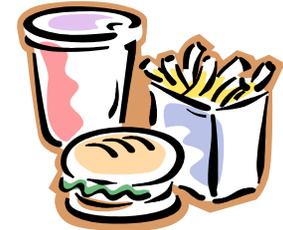
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Stormwater Drains

Stormwater drains are not connected to the sanitary sewer system. They may discharge directly to a water body. Because they do not receive the same type of treatment, pollutants washed into storm drains can contaminate our surface waters or seep into our ground water supply.

Some Best Management Practices include:

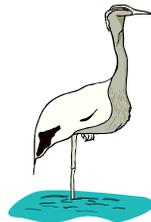
- ★ Wash floor mats, utility carts, tables, range hoods and vents indoors so that wash water does not flow into a ditch or inlet. Wash them inside or wash them outside in a large tub and transfer the wastewater to an inside drain, such as a utility sink or mop water dumping station.
- ★ Mop water should be dumped into utility drains or sinks, not outside.
- ★ Use dry methods to clean up spills rather than hosing them down. Cat litter is an excellent and affordable absorbent material to keep on hand. Be sure to dispose of the contaminated cat litter properly.
- ★ Make sure any outside contractor that you hire adheres to these practices. Responsibility for spills or other discharges can ultimately fall on the property owner.

Grease Interceptors

Grease interceptors are designed to prevent large amounts of grease from entering the sanitary sewer system. If they are not cleaned out regularly, they can overflow. Grease and sanitary sewer overflows can find their way to a water body through a ditch or a stormwater inlet, and can be costly to clean up.

Some Best Management Practices include:

- ★ Never dump liquid grease or any other liquid directly into your interceptor. It is not designed to properly treat this waste.
- ★ Do not use your interceptor as a garbage disposal. Keep food waste from sinks and floor drains to a minimum.
- ★ Soap, hot water and degreasers only break down grease temporarily, allowing them to re-solidify farther along your plumbing lines. Wipe grease from pots, pans and dishes with paper towels before washing.
- ★ Avoid costly plumbing and interceptor maintenance by minimizing the amount of grease that goes down your drains. Contact a local grease recycling company to make arrangements to have a grease recycling receptacle set up on-site.
- ★ And, if you already have a grease recycling receptacle on-site, make sure the lid is secure so that it won't overflow during heavy rain events.



Our actions within our watershed have a direct impact on the health of our rivers and streams!

Dumpsters

Dumpsters should not leak fluids. Please contact the Sanitation Division at 813-757-9208 if your dumpster has corrosion, punctures, or other damage that is allowing liquid to escape the container. Per City Code, “garbage shall be drained of all free liquids.” Please drain all liquids into an approved drain before disposing of garbage in a dumpster.

Some Best Management Practices include:

- ★ Never toss waste that belongs in the dumpster into any kind of water body or onto the ground. Rain events can move litter – no matter the size – into a stormwater system.
- ★ Dumpster pads should be swept, not hosed down. Food wastes and odor can attract wildlife and repel your customers!
- ★ Set up a recycling program at your restaurant. Cardboard dumpsters are provided free of charge, and the City also recycles newspaper, bottles, cans, and plastic containers labeled #1 and #2. Contact the Sanitation Division at the number listed above to discuss options that may work for your business.

