



Water Resource Management Department

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Water Resource Management Department is to manage the water quality of Auburn's water resources and to provide excellent water and sewer services to all residents and businesses. Excellent service includes appropriate service hours and a trained, courteous staff to provide timely, accurate, and appropriate information and assistance.



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Household Cooking Oil/ Grease Recycling Program

“Help us protect the environment.”



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(Update as of 6/7/2019- 10,301 gallons of used cooking oil and grease have been collected for recycling since the beginning of this program in 2009.)

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The City of Auburn Water Resource Management Department would like to bring public awareness to the harmful effects of the improper disposal of grease and cooking oil. The Water Resource Management Department started this program in 2009 at which point a cooking oil/grease recycling station was placed at the City's recycling center located at 365 North Donahue Drive. Customers can drop off containers of used cooking oil and grease and pick up empty containers for future disposal. These substances can then be properly disposed of through recycling, thus minimizing the harmful effects these byproducts tend to have on the environment and our sewer system.



Cooking Oil Recycling Station.

Important things you can do to insure reliable operation of your wastewater systems.

Please **DO NOT** flush items other than sanitary waste into the sewer, Objects such as plastics, towels, wood, or metal can cause obstructions in your service line and in the sewer main. **GREASE** is the main cause of sewer back-ups. **DO NOT** dispose of grease or any kind of oil down any drain in your home. This material is best disposed of by sealing it in a container and dropping it off at our cooking oil/grease recycle station.

Disposing of Used Cooking Oil

Used cooking oil should always be disposed of properly. **DO NOT POUR THE COOKING OIL DOWN THE DRAIN.** Even if the oil is poured slowly into the drain with hot water, this practice will eventually cause problems with your plumbing and the City's sewer system as a whole. Once the oil has cooled, it can be poured into a free City of Auburn recycling jug (or other leak-proof sealed container you may have) and dropped off at our recycling center. Used cooking oil is also biodegradable so it can be composted with other food scraps.

Frying a Turkey for the Holidays?

What do I do with the oil? Disposing of gallons of fryer oil can seem overwhelming. What do you do with it all? Store the used oil in the original leak-proof container and drop it off at the City's recycling center.



What Happens to the Oil After I Recycle It?

A grease-renderer turns the oil into raw materials that can be used in animal feeds, pet food, and industrial formulations.

Only Rain in Storm Drains?

Storm drains connect directly to our streams, rivers, and lakes. Water flows through the storm drains without treatment. Pouring oil down a storm drain is the same as pouring it directly into one of our precious water resources.

