

The City of Auburn Water Resource Management team is committed to protecting our environment and infrastructure from the **improper disposal of grease and cooking oil**.

When cooking oil and grease are poured down the drain, they clog pipes, damage the sewer system and harm our local water resources. That's why we launched the **Fats, Oil & Grease (FOG) Recycling Program** in 2009.

Since then, the Auburn community has helped keep more than **20,000 gallons** of used cooking oil & grease out of our rivers, streams and sewer system - and we're just getting started!

Please consider participating in this program to properly dispose of used cooking oil & grease.

**Thank you for doing your part.**



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## Household Cooking Oil & Grease Recycling

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# How to Participate

## Step One:

**Pick up a free FOG recycling container** available at the Recycling Drop-Off Center at 640 Mary Brooks Drive.



## Step Two:

**Fill the container** with used cooking oil and grease. Remember to let the grease cool, then scrape it into the container for disposal.

## Step Three:

**Bring the container back** to the Recycling Center when it's full.

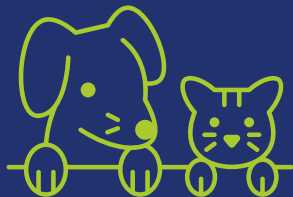
## Step Four:

**Repeat steps 1-3!**



## Where does the used cooking oil & grease go?

It is transported to a grease rendering facility to be reused as a raw material for animal feed, pet food and industrial formulations.



## Never pour cooking oil down the drain.

Even if the oil is poured slowly into the drain with hot water, this practice will eventually cause problems for your plumbing and the City's sewer system.

**Used cooking oil & grease is always best disposed of by pouring into a leak-proof sealed container. You can drop it off at our Recycling Center!**

## Never flush items other than sanitary waste into the sewer.

In addition to grease & used cooking oil, items such as flushable wipes, towels, wood plastic or metal can cause obstructions in your home's pipes and in the sewer.

# Did you know?

Cooking oil is **biodegradable** and can be composted along with your food scraps!



Grease is the **main cause** of all sewer backups.



**Storm drains are connected directly to our streams, rivers and lakes.** Oil & grease poured into a storm drain will flow straight into our local water resources without treatment.

