



Guide to Properly Disposing of Food Waste Grease and Oils

Never dump grease, oils, or similar food wastes down a storm drain intake or into a drainage ditch.

Streets to Streams... No Treatment In-Between

The City of Cedar Rapids has an Illicit Discharge Ordinance that prohibits the discharge of grease trap wastes into the storm sewer system.

Grease, oils and other food wastes if discharged into storm drains eventually end up in local streams and cause water pollution that harms aquatic life.

Please follow these stormwater pollution prevention practices.



Proper Disposal Methods

- Don't dump it into the sanitary sewer!
- Contract with a local grease and oil dumpster provider to have one at your facility and have it regularly maintained. Have the dumpster emptied before it overflows to prevent spills.
- Locate grease and oil dumpsters and storage containers in a flat area away from storm drain intakes. Use a pad under the trap as secondary containment.
- Educate staff on spill prevention and response. Have absorbent pads or other materials available in case of an accidental spill. Clean up any spills around containers and dumpsters immediately.
- Make sure that grease and oil dumpsters are tightly closed.
- Do not contaminate the recyclable oils and greases with waste grease from the grease trap or grease interceptor.

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