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## **Fats, Oil and Grease**

Fats, oils and grease (FOG) includes animal fats, vegetable fats, and oils used to cook and prepare food. If this waste is not managed properly, FOG can cause raw sewage overflows, rancid odors, expensive cleanup, repair & replacement of damaged property, potential contact with microorganisms that can cause diseases such as hepatitis & gastroenteritis. FOG can also cause serious damage if it is released into the environment.

It is illegal to discharge FOG to Montgomery County waters, into storm drains, or by dumping anywhere that these pollutants can be washed into the storm drains or waters of the county. Violation can subject the violator to a civil penalty of up to \$5,000.

### **Best Management Practices**

Best Management Practices are procedures and practices that reduce the discharge of FOG to waste water systems and potentially to the environment. Best Management Practices include:

- Never pour oil or grease down storm drains or dump them on the ground or in a ditch or stream.
- Train employees in grease control and stress how important their actions are
- Post “No Grease” signs above sinks and on the front of dishwashers.
- Disconnect or minimize the use of garbage disposals (garbage grinders).
- Use strainers or mesh screens to catch food scraps and other solids and empty them into appropriate waste containers.
- Any buildup of oil and grease on pots and pans should be scraped or “dry wiped” into a waste grease container before washing
- Clean vent hoods regularly to prevent oil and grease discharges to the roof or ground near you facility
- Recycle waste cooking oil. Maintain a clean area around grease recycling containers and dumpsters. Clean up spills immediately and completely.
- Locate dumpsters, grease recycling containers and outdoor wash areas to minimize stormwater impacts
- Make sure you have appropriate grease control equipment installed, maintained and operating properly.

### **Resources**

To obtain a copy of the **Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation** Fats, Oil and Grease Guidance Manual, go to <http://tennessee.gov/environment/wpc/publications/>

**For more information, contact the TDEC Division of Water Pollution Control:**

**Phone: 888-891-8332**

**Website: <http://www.tn.gov/environment/wpc/>**