

Protect Storm Drains This Holiday Season

Dispose of cooking oil properly, keep leaves out of inlets, and help protect local waterways.

FATS, OILS & GREASE

Keep them out of storm drains.

Used cooking oil and grease from holiday meals should **never** be poured into streets, gutters, or storm drains. These materials can build up in the system, cause blockages, and negatively impact local waterways.

- **Let used cooking oil cool completely.**
- **Store it in** a secure, leak-proof container.
- **Take it to a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility or recycling program** that serves your city or county.
- **Check** the facility's accepted material list, hours, and residency requirements before dropping items off.

LEAVES & VEGETATION

Keep them on land, not in the drain.

Fallen leaves and yard vegetation may seem harmless, but when they're blown or dumped into streets, gutters, or storm drains, they can collect around inlets, restrict water flow, and add organic material to local waterways.

- **Don't blow or dump** leaves into streets, gutters, or storm drains.
- **Bag or collect** leaves according to your local waste program.
- **Compost them** when appropriate.
- **Keep curbs, gutters,** and storm drain inlets clear during fall cleanups.

FIND THE RIGHT DISPOSAL OPTION

Your city or county may offer a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility or recycling program that accepts cooking oil and other household materials. Many programs also accept items such as:

- Household chemicals
- Automotive fluids
- Batteries
- Electronics
- Paint
- Other accepted recyclables or HHW materials

Always verify what your local facility accepts before dropping items off.

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