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***Cooking Oil and Grease Accepted at Joplin Recycling Center  
Recycling Department: 417-624-0820 extension 501***

**Fats - Oils - Grease (FOG) Disposal Awareness Program**

<b>Commercial Cooking Establishment Technical Support</b>	
Public Works Operations	417-624-0820 ext. 560
Plans Review	417-624-0820 ext. 523
Sewer Maintenance Department	417-624-0820 ext. 565
Civil Engineer-Sanitary Sewer	417-624-0820 ext. 584
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Health Department	417-623-1928
Wastewater Pre-Treatment	417-624-3615

The Joplin Recycling Center accepts cooking oil and grease for recycling. A container at the center is available during regular operational hours on an on-going basis to help residents and small commercial cooking establishments dispose of their cooking oil in an environmentally safe and effective way. The Recycling Center is located at 1310 West A Street, and is open Tuesday and Thursday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Brooks Grease Service provides the container and pumps out the contents monthly. The grease is then hauled to processors for use in making cattle feed, dog food, and biofuels.

All commercial FOG generators should contact the City of Joplin for technical support regarding proper collection, storage and disposal methods; and for municipal and building codes and regulations.

Disposing of oil or grease correctly is essential to ensure that the plumbing in residential houses, commercial establishments, and the City of Joplin sewer lines do not get clogged. Pouring cooking oil or grease down the drain or toilet is considered a “prohibited discharge” by City code because it may cause a blockage or interference with sewer lines. As grease cools, it hardens, which leads to “blockages” in your plumbing and sewer lines. This blockage can occur regardless of the water temperature used to rinse cookware.

Let grease or oil cool down before collecting for proper disposal. For very small amounts of oil, wipe up with a paper towel and place in your trash can. For sufficient amounts of oil that can be saved for recycling, strain out food scraps and dispose of the scraps in the trash, then pour the used oil in the container it came in (if possible,) or a clean, non-breakable container with a properly fitting lid. When container is full, bring the used cooking oil to the recycling center, or households may set out with your regular trash service. Please remember, soapsuds, hazardous waste materials, or motor oil cannot be recycled with the cooking oil. Used motor oil *can be* recycled at area automotive supply stores and *contaminated* motor oil can be recycled at the Joplin Recycling Center.