



Position dumpsters and grease storage containers away from storm drain openings.

Cover outdoor grease and oil recycling containers and ensure lids fit securely.

Only put used fryer oil in the yellow grease recycling container.

Do not overfill a yellow grease container. When the container is full, call a hauler for service.

Keep the exterior of the container free of spilled grease.

Clean up spills immediately. Use a spill kit that includes: absorbent pads and socks, kitty litter, disposal bags, zip ties, and disposable gloves

Do not attempt to clean up spills by rinsing/hosing or using degreasers.

If you cannot absorb the yellow grease spill, call a professional cleanup and recovery company to prevent it from entering the storm drain.

Routinely inspect storage containers for open lids, grease spills, or illegal dumping.

Train kitchen staff routinely on best management practices.

YELLOW GREASE Spill Response

Stop/contain the spill and prevent it from reaching storm drains with absorbent pads and socks

Assess the size of the spill. Is it small and able to be cleaned up with a spill kit or will a professional cleaning company need to be called?

If any grease makes it to the storm drain, call local FOG program manager or stormwater department.



Yellow grease is essentially used cooking oil collected as a byproduct of deep frying foods.

Restaurants may produce large amounts of yellow grease and collect the used oil in indoor and/or outdoor recycling containers.

All yellow grease recycling containers should be labeled with a restaurant name.

Grease trap waste is brown grease, not yellow grease, and does not go in the recycling container.

Yellow grease is picked up by vendors who reuse or recycle the used cooking oil.

Spills of yellow grease can happen during deposits or withdrawal from the recycling container.

Yellow grease spills and cleanup material (including wash water) should never enter storm drains or ditches.

YELLOW GREASE Clean Up

Apply absorbent material to a spill area.

After allowing the absorbent material to sit for a period of time, sweep carefully to avoid generating dust.

Collect materials and residues, and place in a waste container/bag.

Put the waste container/bag into the dumpster.

Clean the spill area with water and capture the water if excess water is generated. **DO NOT** allow water to enter the storm drain. Absorbent socks may be necessary around the storm drains to prevent this from happening.

If self-cleaning, send the excess water you've collected through a drain that passes through a grease control device.