# OIL/GREASE (COOKING)

## POSSIBLE AREAS OF CONCERN

Grease or cooking oil cannot be poured into the sink/sanitary sewer/storm water drain or be disposed of as a free liquid. Dumping these items down the drain can clog sewer lines, causing sewage back-ups and flooding. Discharge of oil/grease to surface waters leads to reduced dissolved oxygen in those waters and harm to fish and other aquatic life.

## CHARACTERIZATION

Oil and grease is generated during cooking operations.

## HANDLING PROCEDURES

**Garrison Operations/Commercial Food Service Activities**

**Step 1** Food service operations on Ft. Campbell dispose of cooking oil/grease in the containers provided by contractor at dining facilities and restaurants.

**Step 2** Use caution when transferring oil/grease into containers. Secondary containment and spill cleanup materials should be available. Spills must be cleaned up immediately.

**NOTE:** Cooking oil/grease storage areas are routinely inspected by Environmental Division personnel. Contact the Environmental Division for more information on procedures.

**Grease containers at a DFAC**

**Field Operations**

**Step 1** Return cooking oil to your dining facility or **Convenience Center** and pour into the cooking oil container. Do not pour on the ground. Clean up any spills and discard in the trash container.

**NOTE**: **DO NOT** pour grease into the sink/sanitary sewer or storm water drain.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

If you live in housing, you may take cooking oil and grease to the **Convenience Center** or solidify your grease by soaking with newspaper or paper towels and place in the trash. Do not dispose of free liquids down the drain or in the general refuse container.

Local Household Hazardous Waste events will accept cooking oil for disposal.

For additional information, contact **Environmental Division Spill Response/Storage Tank Program, Storm Water Program, or Solid Waste/Recycling Program.**