

U.S. Army Garrison Hawaii – Environmental Compliance Guide

COOKING OIL

GENERAL INFORMATION

Cooking oils, just like petroleum oils, are regulated by the Clean Water Act's Spill Prevention, Controls, and Countermeasures (SPCC) regulation. Oil and grease generated during cooking operations cannot be poured into the sink/ sanitary sewer/storm water drain or be disposed of in the trash as a free liquid.

POTENTIAL HAZARDS

Dumping these items down the drain can clog sewer lines, causing sewage back-ups and flooding.

WASTE CHARACTERIZATION

Cooking oil and grease is a RECYCLABLE MATERIAL. Call the DPW Recycling Program at (808) 656-5411 or (808) 656-3085 for recycling options.

HANDLING AND DISPOSAL PROCEDURES

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

Garrison Operations:

Step 1: Food service operations at USAG-HI facilities must dispose of cooking oil/grease in the containers provided by the contractor at dining facilities. Make sure the container is clearly marked "USED COOKING OIL/GREASE".

Step 2: Use caution when transferring oil/grease into containers. Thoroughly cleanup all spills. Use secondary containment, overhead protection, and have spill cleanup materials available.

Field Operations:

Step 1: Bring cooking oil back to your dining facility and pour into the cooking oil container. Do not pour on the ground. Clean up any spills and discard in the trash container.

Cooking oil spills are reportable. Notify DPW Emergency Spill Response Line at (808) 656-1111 in the event of a spill or the DPW Environmental Division Clean Water program.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you live in housing, you may solidify your grease and oil 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.

For more info contact: DPW Environmental Clean Water program.