

Jefferson County Survey Results Used Cooking Oil and Grease Disposal

17 What do you do with used or leftover cooking oil and grease?

Pour it/wash it down the drain 14.8%

Almost 15% of the total 520 survey subjects reported that they dispose of used cooking oil and grease by pouring/washing it down the drain. Males used this method slightly more (1%) than females. Approximately 58% of the respondents who reported disposing of used cooking oil and grease by pouring/washing it down the drain were between 19 and 50 years old, and nearly 20% reported having an annual family income of 25,000 to 49,000.

Pour it outside on the ground 12.1%

About 12% of the total survey subjects reported that they dispose of used cooking oil and grease by pouring it outside on the ground. There was no difference between males and females. People who earn up to 24,000 and over 100,000, followed by people who earn 50,000 to 74,000 are slightly more likely to engage in this behavior. People between the ages of 19 and 40 (33%) are the most likely age group to dispose of cooking oil and grease by pouring it outside on the ground. The least likely age group to pour used cooking oil and grease outside on the ground is people over 70, followed by people 41-50 and 61-70.

Collect it and put it out for garbage/trash pickup 59.6%

Nearly 60% of the total survey subjects reported collecting used cooking oil and grease and putting it out for trash pickup. Of those individuals, females (62%) were slightly more likely to engage in this behavior than were males (58%). With the exception of people between 19 and 30 (52%), this behavior was evenly spread across age groups (60-62%). There was little variation across income levels (60-62%) with the exception of people reporting incomes of 25,000 to 49,000 (57%).

Collect it and take it to a recycling facility 7.7%

Only about 8% of the total survey subjects reported collecting used cooking oil and grease and taking it to a recycling facility. Of those reporting that behavior, more males (8%) than females (7%) and people who earn 75,000 to 100,000 (13%) were more likely to recycle used cooking oil and grease. People who earned 24,000 or less (5%) or 50,000 to 74,000 (6%) were the least likely to recycle used cooking oil and grease, followed by people earning more than 100,000 (7%) and 25,000 to 49,000 (8%).

Other 5.6

While we do not know what other alternatives people use to dispose of used cooking oil and grease, nearly 6% of the total survey subjects reported using some other method for disposal. More men (6%) than women (5%) reported using an alternative method for disposal. People earning 24,000 or less (9%) followed by people earning 50,000 to 74,000 (7%) were more likely to use an alternative method for disposal.