



Lawrence County Recycles!

As a resident of Lawrence County, you have the chance to make a big difference in the community through small actions in your everyday life. Recycling is one way you can make a direct impact on your community, your health, and your environment.

There are countless benefits to recycling, for example improving the economy, decreasing your family's waste, protecting natural resources, and reducing America's dependence on foreign fuel sources.

Lawrence County strives to reduce waste through re-use, reduction and recycling. The Solid Waste District serves as a resource for Lawrence County residents and encourages you to follow proper solid waste practices!

Lawrence County Solid Waste

Management District

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LAWRENCE COUNTY SOLID WASTE
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT



Used Cooking Oil Collection Program

3326 Mitchell Road

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Why Recycle Used Cooking Oil

Cooking oil can cause major problems if disposed of improperly:

- ◇ Pouring oil down the drain causes sewer pipe blockages as the oil cools. This can cause sewage overflow, which pollutes lakes and rivers making them unsafe for swimming or fishing.



- ◇ Pouring oil into the garbage not only causes a mess, but hot oil can melt holes in plastic bags and result in burns!

For these reasons it is important to properly dispose of used cooking oil. Rather than pouring used cooking oil into the trash or down the drain, the Lawrence County Solid Waste District is now offering a safe method of collecting used cooking oil so that it can be recycled.

Turning Used Cooking Oil Into Biofuel

Cooking oil can be recycled in a number of ways. For example, it can be used:

- ◇ As a supplement to poultry feed
- ◇ As furnace and boiler fuel
- ◇ As biofuel

Biodiesel, one type of biofuel, is the primary use for waste cooking oil. Biodiesel burns cleaner than other fuel types, which preserves our air quality and reduces carbon emissions. Using biofuels also improves the local economy and reduces America's dependence on foreign oil. Biodiesel makes for a safe alternative because it is non-toxic and readily biodegradable, unlike petroleum.

Participating in the Used Cooking Oil Collection Program allows you to dispose of used cooking oil **free of charge**. It is a safe way to properly dispose of used cooking oil while improving America's economy through the generation of alternative fuels like biodiesel.

How to Recycle Cooking Oil

Place the oil in a dry, plastic container once it has cooled. Make sure the container has a secure lid. Avoid putting water in the container, as it makes recycling the oil more difficult.

Only liquid vegetable oils (i.e. canola, corn, etc.) are accepted.

No animal fats, solidified oil, or food pieces accepted

Bring your used cooking oil to the Recycling Center at 3326 Mitchell Road in Bedford. We do not accept motor oil, transmission fluid, brake or power steering fluid, some of these can be brought to O'Reilly Auto parts stores. We do however accept antifreeze and used oil filters.

PLEASE:

Do not place motor oil, paint, pesticides, or any other *Household Hazardous Wastes* in the barrel for cooking oil.

These materials are accepted at the HHW Facility and *must be checked in separately*.