

Disposal of Used Cooking Oil and Grease

The survey contained a set of seven questions examining the respondent's knowledge of proper ways to dispose of used household cooking oils and grease. The respondents were given seven options for appropriate disposal. The proper way to dispose of the cooking oils and grease is to *save it and call the Town to come and pick it up*. Table 66 shows that only 28.3% of the respondents answered correctly or yes to this option. There was also inaccurate perceptions for *put it in your garbage cart or bin for collection* (53.0%), *pour it down the kitchen sink drain* (25.3%), *pour it out in the yard* (25.0%), and *put it in your recycling cart or bin for collection* (14.3%). The respondents were accurate on *flush it down the toilet* (1.3%) and *pour it down the storm drain* (0.0%).

Table 66. Proper Disposal of Used Household Cooking Oil and Grease - 2010.

Disposal Methods	% Yes	% No	% Not Sure
Put it in your garbage cart or bin for collection	53.0	41.3	5.8
Save it and call the Town to come and pick it up	28.3	59.8	12.0
Pour it down the kitchen sink drain	25.3	72.2	2.5
Pour it out in the yard	25.0	65.8	9.3
Put it in your recycling cart or bin for collection	14.3	77.0	8.8
Flush it down the toilet	1.3	97.0	1.8
Pour it down the storm drain	0.0	98.0	2.0

Disposal of Used Cooking Oil and Grease Crosstabulations

Crosstabulations (B396-B399) for disposal of used cooking oils and grease were conducted on age, housing type, income, and years in Cary (Appendix B). The least accurate (lower means) for the proper disposal method *save it and call the Town to come and pick it up* was \$20,001-\$30,000 income level (8.7%), over 65 age group (19.0%), \$30,001-\$50,000 income level (20.9%), and \$50,001-\$70,000 income level (21.4%). The least accurate (higher means) for *put it in your garbage cart for collection* was 56-65 age group (59.5%), \$70,001-\$100,000 income level (58.2%), 2-5 year residents (58.1%), and townhouse/condo dwellers (57.9%). The least accurate (higher means) for *pour it down the kitchen sink drain* was \$20,001-\$30,000 income level (47.8%), \$50,001-\$70,000 income level (42.9%), and \$30,001-\$50,000 income level (34.9%). The least accurate (higher means) for *pour it out in the yard* was \$20,001-\$30,000 income level (47.8%), \$50,001-\$70,000 income level (37.5%), and \$30,001-\$50,000 income level (34.9%). The least accurate (higher means) for *put it in your recycling cart for collection* was 0-1 year residents (33.3%), 18-25 age group (24.1%), and apartment dwellers (22.6%). The least accurate (higher means) for *flush it down the toilet* was townhouse/condo dwellers (5.3%) and \$30,001-\$50,000 income level (4.7%). Finally, all the subgroups correctly identified not to *pour it down the storm drain*.