## Welcome to the Residential Cooking Fats, Oils & Grease Recycling Program



The goal of the program is to protect the environment by keeping cooking fats, oil and grease out of the Genesee County sewer system and landfills. Genesee County Water and Waste Services wants to remind residences that fats, oils

and grease from cooking should not be poured down their sinks or drains. When cooking Oils is discarded into your sinks or drains it accumulates inside the sewer pipes making it difficult for wastewater to flow freely to the wastewater treatment plant. When wastewater cannot make its way through the sewer pipes, it overflows into homes, streets, lawns and storm drains eventually making its way into the water shed.

The program is free to residence through the support of Darling Inc. who collects and recycles the cooking oil, fats and grease into any number of products such as biofuels, make-up, crayons...etc. Genesee County residents and churches may deliver up to 5 gallons of waste cooking oil and grease to the



following locations:

<u>Anthony Ragnone Wastewater Treatment Plant</u> – 9290 Farrand Rd. Montrose, MI 48457.

<u>Genesee County Division of Water & Waste Operations & Maintenance</u> – G-4612 Beecher Rd. Flint, MI 48532.

<u>Linden Wastewater Treatment Plant</u> – 14412 Hogan Rd. Linden, MI 48451.

Persons utilizing the program must check in at the front office at these locations. Drop off times will be 8am to 3pm Mon.-Fri. excluding holidays. No commercial kitchens please. No petroleum based oils will be accepted. Please contact David Thibeault with questions at 810-732-7870 ext.4154.

## **Grease Myths**

It's okay to pour grease down the drain as long as...



... I use the garbage disposal. MYTH! The garbage disposal only grinds up items before passing them into your sewer pipes.

... I run hot water.

*MYTH!* Hot water only gives the illusion of dissolving grease. The grease will eventually cool and build up in the pipes.

... I chase it down with a dose of dish soap.

**MYTH!** Dish soap temporarily breaks up grease as you wash your dishes, but the soap will eventually lose its effectiveness causing the grease to solidify in the pipes.

... it is a liquid oil at room temperature. MYTH! Liquid cooking oils, like canola oil and olive oil, float on wastewater and easily adhere to sewer pipes.