



WASTE VEGETABLE OIL DISPOSAL OPTIONS

Fried foods trace their history back to Roman times and the Apicius Cookbook. It is just as easy to say that the need to dispose of waste cooking oil arose soon thereafter. Upon examination of ancient cultures, we delight ourselves in having refined our practices much beyond those of earlier people, but if we examine today's methods of waste cooking oil disposal, we see that society's current practice does not hold a candle to the environmentally friendly methods practiced millennia ago.

We examine below four methods to make use of the waste oil produced by your cooking operations. Points are awarded based on a benefit to either the environment or on a financial or marketing benefit to your restaurant. Pouring the waste oil onto the ground, as the ancient Romans did, was not included in the analysis as it is generally prohibited by law.

BENEFIT TO YOUR BUSINESS AND TO THE ENVIRONMENT	VEGAWATT	BIODIESEL	TRADITIONAL RENDERING	GIVING YOUR OIL AWAY
Reduces your utility costs	YES	NO	NO	NO
Reduces your carbon footprint	YES	NO	NO	NO
Uses hazardous chemicals	NO	YES	NO	MAYBE
Provides substantial savings	YES	NO	NO	NO
Eliminates waste hauling costs	YES	MAYBE	NO	YES
Reduces pests attracted to oil storage	YES	NO	NO	NO
Attracts Eco Friendly patrons	YES	YES	NO	NO
Reduces waste hauling related pollution	YES	NO	NO	MAYBE
Reduces emissions from electric plants	YES	NO	NO	NO
Earns up to 11 LEED points	YES	NO	NO	NO
Produces free electricity on-site	YES	NO	NO	NO
Produces free hot water on-site	YES	NO	NO	NO
Claims Federal, state and utility incentives	YES	NO	NO	NO
Reduces dependence on fossil fuels	YES	YES	NO	MAYBE
Reduces heavy truck traffic at your business	YES	NO	NO	MAYBE
Greens your brand	YES	YES	NO	NO
Total Points	16	3.5	1	3

With a Vegawatt system installed at your restaurant, you can better your finances, better the environment, better society, better your brand, and prove for all time that restaurants today are better than they were in ancient Rome!



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