

Vegawatt Helps Restaurant Owners Save Money, Save Planet

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BOYLSTON, MA -- Owl Power Company, developer and manufacturer of clean energy cogeneration systems, has announced Vegawatt(TM), an innovative new cogeneration system for restaurants and food service facilities.

Vegawatt(TM) uses waste vegetable oil from any food service operation as a fuel to generate on-site electricity and hot water, saving the restaurant thousands of dollars as well as providing a clean, renewable source of energy.

The Vegawatt(TM) utilizes waste vegetable oil (WVO) from a restaurant deep fryer to prepare a non-toxic fuel. This fuel is used to produce electricity and hot water, which reduces electricity and natural gas purchases. Any food service location with fryers can use the Vegawatt(TM) system to save \$800 monthly. It is a fully automated system that requires no intervention or maintenance by restaurant staff, no additional chemicals, and produces no liquid byproducts.

"The Vegawatt(TM) is quite impressive," stated Peter Christie, President of the Massachusetts Restaurant Association. "It is a breakthrough in technology that will allow for a better environment while making use of oil that would normally be thrown out."

Most restaurants pay to dispose of their used cooking oil. Some owners have begun to receive compensation for this oil, typically \$0.10 to \$0.25 per gallon. Vegawatt(TM) owners will achieve a value of \$2.55 per gallon. New green energy incentives and Renewable Energy Certificates (REC's) will increase the payback to the restaurant.

"As businesses everywhere are taking a hard look at their energy costs and their environmental impact, Vegawatt(TM) enables restaurant owners to help themselves and the planet at the same time," stated James Peret, President and CEO of Owl Power Company.

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