



FOG (Fats, Oils, and Grease) Survey

2021/22 Green Ribbon Program Activity

Section 1: Reduce, Activity #12

Background

Castro Valley Sanitary District (CVSan) is responsible for two main things in Castro Valley; solid waste collection, disposal, and diversion; and maintaining the sanitary sewer system. In order to keep the sanitary sewer system healthy, it is important to understand what should not be poured down the drain. Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG), is used and produced in food preparation. FOG can affect the sanitary sewer system by clogging sewer lines which could lead to sewer system overflows.

Castro Valley Green Ribbon schools do a great job practicing the 4Rs (reduce, reuse, recycle, and rot). FOG can be collected and recycled in the green organics cart along with food scraps, food soiled paper, and yard trimmings. Go to www.cvsan.org/FOG for more information.

Please fill out this FOG Survey to help your school identify where FOG is produced and how to prevent FOG clogging sanitary sewer lines. Submit your survey responses with your 2016/17 Green Ribbon Application.

Survey

Kitchen

1. Are kitchen food scraps collected in the organics/green bin? (Yes or No)	
2. Are dishes, trays, and food serving platters washed by kitchen staff? (Yes or No)	
3. Is a dishwasher used as part of the cleaning process? (Yes or No)	
4. Does the kitchen contain a food grinder (garbage disposal)? (Yes or No)	
5. Has kitchen staff been trained in proper FOG disposal and waste sorting? (Yes or No)	

6. If yes, who trained kitchen staff on proper FOG disposal and waste sorting? (Please describe)	
7. Who is responsible for ensuring the proper procedures are followed? (Please describe)	

Science Labs/Classrooms

8. What is the procedure for disposal of used or expired chemicals? (Please describe)	
9. Who is responsible for ensuring the proper procedures are followed? (Please describe)	

How to Properly Dispose of FOG:

Collect small amounts of FOG in a compostable container (paper milk or ice cream carton) and dispose of FOG in your green organics cart. You can toss the compostable container holding the FOG into your green organics cart.

Or use a small reusable container to capture FOG. It's best to pour FOG on top of leaves, grass clippings, or other yard trimmings. Thank you for keeping Castro Valley sanitary sewers clean!