

WHERE TO RECYCLE COOKING OIL

Los Angeles County | Orange County

Cooled cooking oil is recyclable, but it does not go in the curbside recycling cart and it must never go down a drain. Use one of the verified locations below.

READ THIS FIRST

"Used oil recycling" centers are for MOTOR oil, not cooking oil. They will turn you away. Cooking oil uses the separate programs below.

ORANGE COUNTY

Step 1: Check your organics cart.

Some OC cities allow used cooking oil in the organics recycling cart. Costa Mesa Sanitary District does. Many cities do not list it, and silence is not permission. Check your city's "What Goes Where" guide or call your hauler first.

Step 2: Free county Household Hazardous Waste centers.

Open Tuesday to Saturday, 9 AM to 3 PM. Free for OC residents. Proof of residence may be requested.

- **Anaheim**
1071 N. Blue Gum Street, Anaheim, CA 92806
- **Huntington Beach**
17121 Nichols Lane, Gate 6, Huntington Beach, CA 92647
- **Irvine**
6411 Oak Canyon, Irvine, CA 92618
- **San Juan Capistrano**
32250 Avenida La Pata, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

Limits: 15 gallons or 125 lbs per vehicle per trip. No containers over 5 gallons. Call 714-834-4000 to confirm.

LOS ANGELES

City of LA S.A.F.E. Collection Centers.

Open Saturdays and Sundays, 9 AM to 3 PM. Free for City and County of LA residents. You will be asked for your address at the gate. No business waste.

- **Randall Street**
11025 Randall St., Sun Valley, CA 91352
- **Hyperion**
7660 W. Imperial Hwy., Gate B, Playa Del Rey, CA 90293
- **Gaffey Street**
1400 N. Gaffey St., San Pedro, CA 90731
- **Washington Blvd.**
2649 E. Washington Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90021 (verify: reported closed)

LA County also runs weekend HHW roundup events countywide. Schedules at cleanla.lacounty.gov. Limit 15 gallons or 125 lbs per trip.

HOW TO PREP YOUR OIL

DO

- Cool the oil completely first, overnight for a big fryer batch
- Use a sealed plastic jug, tote, or a bucket with a tight lid
- Keep it clean: no water, food scraps, or chemicals
- Stand containers upright in a box or bag for the drive

DON'T

- Never pour oil down a sink, toilet, yard, or storm drain
- Never use glass containers, they break and cause injury
- Never mix in motor oil or any automotive fluid
- Do not dump a large liquid batch loose in the trash

You do not need to strain or filter the oil. The processor filters it downstream.

FREE HOLIDAY DROP-OFF

November 27 to December 27, 2026 | Monday to Saturday, 9 AM to 4 PM (closed Sundays)

Self-serve, no appointment, no charge. Pour into the marked container and go.

Orange County

506 Fee Ana St, Placentia, CA 92870

Los Angeles County

4570 Ardine St, Gate C, South Gate, CA 90280

Accepted: turkey-fryer, vegetable, canola, peanut and other used cooking oil, cooled and sealed.

WHY IT MATTERS

Oil looks liquid going down a drain, then cools and hardens inside the pipe, catching everything that follows. Fats, oils, and grease are a leading cause of sewer blockages nationwide, and overflows near the coast can close beaches. Recycled cooking oil is filtered into feedstock for biodiesel and renewable diesel instead.

RESTAURANTS AND COMMERCIAL KITCHENS

Residential drop-offs and HHW centers do not accept business waste, and California requires commercial kitchens to use a licensed hauler with proper manifests. Free scheduled pickup with a container on site is the commercial route.

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