

# Mobile Food Vendors

**Wash water from your mobile food businesses must be disposed of properly to avoid clogging sewer lines or polluting the environment.**



**Avoid fines & comply with the following Do's & Don'ts.**

## DO:

- ✓ Collect all wastewater from utensil washing in a screen-covered container.
- ✓ Discharge utensil washing wastewater to a drain that leads to an adequately sized and regularly cleaned grease trap at your permitted commissary kitchen.
- ✓ Use a liquid waste hauler permitted to operate in the City of Austin to dispose of the utensil washing wastewater if your commissary kitchen site does not have a valid Wastewater Discharge Permit.
- ✓ If using a liquid waste hauler to dispose of this wastewater, make sure:
  1. The waste type is marked as "Food Service Grease Interceptor (or Trap)" on the manifest.
  2. The wastewater will be taken to a facility permitted to accept food service waste.
  3. You obtain and keep your copy of the liquid waste hauler manifest for your records for at least 3 years.
- ✓ Collect used cooking grease in a closed container.
- ✓ Contract with a waste grease recycling service or properly permitted recycling/disposal facility for the collection, recycling or disposal of used cooking grease.

## DON'T:

- ✗ Dispose of any wastewater on the ground or down any storm drain.
- ✗ Dispose of any utensil washing wastewater down toilets. Toilets are not connected to grease traps.
- ✗ Dispose of any wastewater at a car wash or any other location not authorized to receive hauled liquid waste or not designated as the permitted commissary kitchen for your mobile food vending operation.
- ✗ Dispose of utensil washing wastewater down any drain unless it has been verified with the commissary kitchen's business owner/manager that the drain goes to a grease trap.
- ✗ Dispose of any used cooking grease to any drain, even if it is connected to a grease trap. This waste must be recycled or disposed using facilities permitted to accept such waste.



**If you have any questions, contact Austin Water's Special Services Division at 972-1060 for information on approved disposal locations and practices. For questions about food service permits, call the Austin/Travis County Health & Human Services Department at 972-5600.**