

Austin guide to...

GREASE BINS

In order to maintain a safe, healthy and non-polluting grease bin, here are a few tips that will help you avoid fines and cleanup expenses. While grease bin services provide and empty the bins, the business is also responsible for any violations.



- **Choose a bin that is:**
 - Approved
 - Easily cleanable
 - In good condition
- **Locate it:**
 - On a cleanable surface such as a concrete pad
 - Away from a storm drain
- **Keep bin lid:**
 - Closed between use
 - Locked
- **Secure bin** (with a cable or other device to prevent vandalism)
- **Make sure employees:**
 - Take their time filling bin to avoid drips and spills
 - Do not overfill bin
 - Are trained on best grease handling, care and cleanup methods
- **Clean up any spills and drips as they occur:**
 - Use absorbent material which should always be available onsite
 - Do not flush with soap and water which could then travel to waterways through storm drains



- **Hire an approved service provider**
- **Ensure that service provider:**
 - Changes out bin if in poor condition or leaking
 - Provides regular grease pickups (check periodically that pumping is occurring)
 - Disposes of grease at an approved facility
 - Provides you with paperwork on hauling and disposal for your records
- **Report large spills to the City's 24-Hour Pollution Hotline**



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