

# Did You Know?

From recycling to reducing waste; from active transportation to grey water initiatives - **London is truly proud to host Green Festivals**

Properly disposed of fats, oils and **grease is valuable!** It can be converted into BioGas (green energy)

Used fryer oil needs to be **recycled in the oil container** provided on site

Disposing of your liquid waste improperly could lead to **fines and charges** under the City of London *Waste Discharge By-law*

Liquid waste improperly poured into our storm sewers goes directly to our water sources – **local creeks, rivers and lakes**



# Protect Our Environment

## Outdoor Festival Food Vendors

### London is the home of green festivals

The City of London is committed to protecting our environment. By working together with food vendors to reduce improper disposal of liquid waste, we are successfully diverting waste from our landfill and local waterways.

As a food vendor, we encourage you to ask questions and familiarize yourself with the proper disposal and recycling of your waste.

***Improper disposal of liquid waste could result in by-law charges, fines and expensive clean up costs billed directly to you and the event organizer.***



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Best practices  
for proper disposal  
of liquid waste

# Steps to success



1 Storage Totes



2 Direct Connection

London's parks and outdoor venues accommodate hundreds of food vendors. As the success of our festivals continues to grow, so do the number of vendors using our facilities. In 2009, the City of London began investigating best practices of grey water liquid waste disposal amongst vendors and discovered a lack of overall knowledge about wastewater.

The City began an ongoing effort to educate vendors and encourage compliance with Green Festival initiatives, including use of grease interceptors and totes for liquid waste. **These initiatives have resulted in thousands of litres of liquid waste being converted into green alternative energy sources, avoiding polluting our water sources and clogging up City sewer pipes.**

## What is wastewater?

Wastewater is another word for grey water. This is water used for many purposes - including washing and rinsing dishes, cleaning utensils and cleaning hands.

## What is a storm sewer?

Storm sewers are the grates you see on the ground. Liquids put down the storm sewer go directly into our local water sources without being treated.



## Why should I care?

If you pour any type of liquid waste other than water into a storm sewer, you will contaminate local waterways and also be in direct violation of the City of London *Waste Discharge By-law* and the Ministry of the Environment *Environmental Protection Act*.



## How do I dispose of liquid waste properly?

Different City venues have different options.

- 1 **Storage Totes:** The most common option available is to transport your liquid waste to a designated location on site where a storage tote is available for you to pour your waste into.
- 2 **Direct Connection:** Currently, the only location in London with direct sewer connection is Victoria Park, along the east main pathway.
- 3 **Trailer Grey Water Station:** Located in northeast Victoria Park, across from Wolfe Street. Trailers with grey water holding tanks can hook up and empty before leaving the park.

**DO NOT** pour liquid waste down the storm sewer.