



Environmental  
Protection Department

# ALACHUA COUNTY HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION CENTER

# DON'T SPOIL OUR WATERS



## PROPERLY DISPOSE OF FATS, OILS & GREASES

# WHAT ARE FOGs?

FOG stands for Fats, Oils and Grease. Waste fats, oils and grease (FOGs) come from food products such as meats, butter or margarine, lard and cooking oils, food scraps, mayonnaise, gravy, salad dressing, etc.



# WHY ARE FOGs AN ISSUE?

FOGs and water don't mix! When waste fats, oils and greases are poured down drains or garbage disposals, they can solidify and form thick grease balls that build up in our pipes and sewer systems. This can cause raw sewage spills as well as sewage backups in your sinks, toilets, and even your neighbors' homes. These backups can be very costly and can affect the health of our environment.





## WHAT DO I DO WITH MY FOGS? CAN IT, COOL IT, TOSS IT!

- Mixed oils, animal-derived fats, or leftover food solids should be placed in a container such as an empty jar or coffee can.
- Once the materials have cooled and solidified and the container is full; secure the lid and place it in the trash. Do NOT pour it down your drain or garbage disposal.
- Please wipe greasy pans with a paper towel prior to washing. Do NOT use hot water to rinse grease off cookware down the drain.
- If you have waste vegetable oil (WVO) that has not been mixed with animal fats, these can be recycled at the Alachua County Hazardous Waste Collection Center (HWCC). The HWCC turns WVO (olive oil, canola oil, etc.) into biodiesel which helps the environment and helps you, too!

**TIP: Keep drains clean by pouring ½ cup of baking soda down the drain followed by ½ cup of white vinegar. Wait 10-15 minutes, then rinse with warm water.**

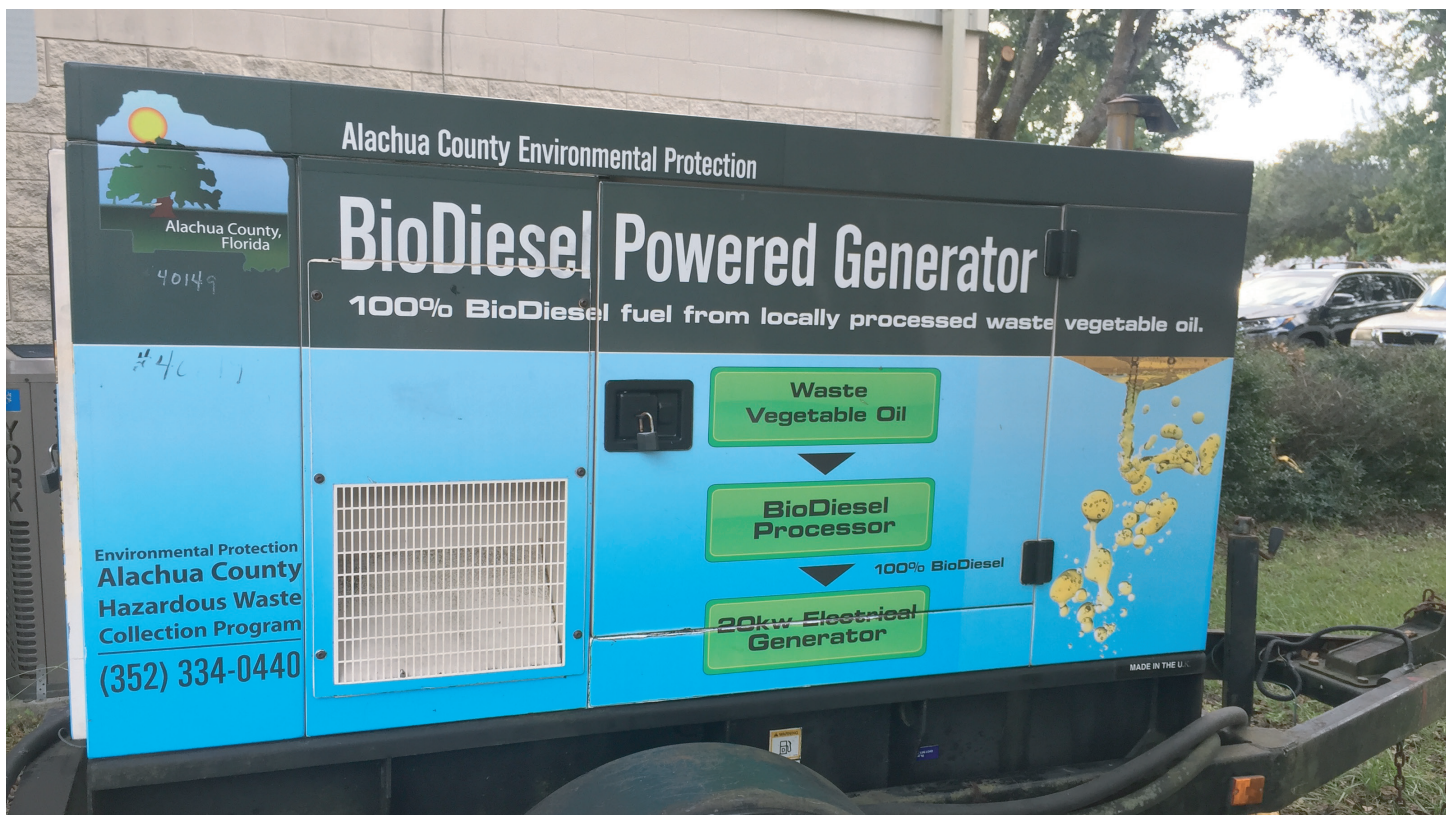
# WHAT DO I DO WITH MY WVO? CAN IT, COOL IT, BRING IT!

- Please place used liquid vegetable oil in a metal or plastic container with a tight-fitting lid. Be sure to let the oil cool down for a few minutes before filling the container, as filling any container while the oil is still hot could cause the container to crack or split.
- Make sure the oil is not mixed with other fluids (water, petroleum products, soaps, etc.).
- Please make sure to label your container, “**waste vegetable/cooking oil**” in order to let the hazardous waste attendants know what is inside.
- Drop off the WVO container at one of the locations listed on the back of this brochure.

## THE HWCC TURNS WVO INTO BIODIESEL FUEL!

Waste Vegetable Oil is recycled in a different way than plastic, glass, metal, or cardboard. At the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center, we produce biodiesel from your leftover oil which:

- Lessens how much petroleum-derived fuel County vehicles and generators run on.
- Reduces Alachua County's carbon footprint.
- Provides households a waste-free alternative for a product that usually gets thrown away.
- Encourages sustainability and resourcefulness among residents.



# COLLECTION CENTER LOCATIONS

## Alachua County Hazardous Waste Collection Center (HWCC)

5125 NE 63rd Ave  
Gainesville, FL 32609  
(352) 334-0440  
AlachuaCountyHazWaste.us



### Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday

7:00 am – 5:00 pm

Saturday

8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Closed Sundays and holidays

**The Rural Collection Centers accept hazardous waste from Alachua County residents only. Limited types and amounts of hazardous waste are accepted at these locations.**

### Alachua County Rural Collection Centers

*(The following locations do not accept business or commercial-use only waste.)*

#### North Central Solid Waste Collection Center

10714 N State Rd 121  
Gainesville, FL 32653  
(352) 334-3875

#### Phifer Solid Waste Collection Center

11700 SW Hawthorne Rd  
Hawthorne, FL 32640  
(352) 334-3874

#### Alachua – High Springs Solid Waste Collection Center

16929 NW US HWY 441  
High Springs, FL 32643  
(386) 454-2563

#### Fairbanks Solid Waste Collection Center

9920 NE Waldo Rd  
Gainesville, FL 32609  
(352) 334-3873

#### Southwest Landfill Collection Center

19401 SW Archer Rd  
Archer, FL 32618  
(352) 495-3257

### Hours of Operation:

Monday 7:30 am – 5:30 pm

Tuesday 7:30 am – 5:30 pm

Friday 7:30 am – 5:30 pm

Saturday 7:30 am – 5:30 pm

Closed: Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday