



Is it okay to pour oil down the sink drain?



Please do not pour oil down the drain.

The oil poured down the kitchen sink drain will cool down and solidify in sewer pipes, then come off to flow into the river and the sea in times of heavy rains.

By keeping excess oil on the dishes from going down the kitchen sink drain, you not only prevent sewer pipes from becoming clogged, but also reduce the amount of contaminants discharged into sewer pipes, thereby lessening the amount of energy needed to treat the wastewater.

To maintain a healthy aquatic environment in our rivers and the sea, wipe off excess oil from plates and pans with a rag or waste newspaper before washing them.

Additionally, even if you use a “cooking oil dispersant,” which dissolves oil in water so it can be poured down the drain, the oil can separate from the agent again in the sewer and clog the pipes.

So, please refrain from pouring the mixture of cooking oil and dispersant down the kitchen drain.

A request to all restaurant owners

Please install a grease interceptor and clean it regularly.

Grease traps are designed to remove fats (lard) and kitchen waste, which are known causes of sewer pipe clogs. Careful cleaning of a grease interceptor is important. If you neglect cleaning the grease interceptor, you may encourage foul odors and pest problems to arise.

Please properly dispose of any oil and fat content removed from the interceptor in cleaning by contacting a specialized waste disposal operator.

