



# UPDATE

Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency  
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## 'Tis the Season — for FOG

**P**ouring **F**ats, cooking **O**ils, and **G**rease (FOG) into drains clogs sewer pipes and can lead to costly plumbing repairs. And FOG is the leading cause of sewage spills.

Proper disposal of FOG helps protect your plumbing, your neighborhood, and the environment.

- Pour grease and cooking oil into a resealable container
- Dispose of the container in the trash.

Turkey fryers present an even bigger challenge because they generate gallons and gallons of used oil. Collect fryer oil in a container such as the one pictured. You may then dispose of up to 10 gallons — free of charge — at your landfill's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility. (The used oil is recycled by the Salinas Tallow Company.)



Call the facility nearest you for hours of operation:

- Monterey Regional Waste Management District; 14201 Del Monte Blvd., Marina; 384-5313
- Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority; 139 Sun St., Salinas; 424-5520

*Above content courtesy of the Southern Monterey Bay Dischargers Group. For more info, visit [ClogBusters.org](http://ClogBusters.org).*



## **Comprehensive Field Maintenance Program Prevents Spills, Keeps Rates Low**

**M**RWPCA serves over 250,000 people, each day processing approximately 18.5 million gallons of wastewater at the Regional Treatment Plant (RTP) just north of Marina. The agency also maintains the facilities and infrastructure that transport wastewater to the RTP, including 25 pump stations, 35 pressure-vacuum stations and approximately 30 miles of pipeline.

Ever-increasing sophistication has allowed more and more monitoring and control of the inflow system directly from the RTP Operations Control Room. Combined with a comprehensive preventative maintenance program, MRWPCA remains vigilant in preventing sewage spills and keeping rates among the lowest in the state.

Pictured above, maintenance worker Paul Bellone performs repairs inside a pump station.

### ***AVAILABLE ONLINE AT [MRWPCA.ORG](http://MRWPCA.ORG)***

- Public Meeting Agendas and Audio Minutes (audio is new this year)
- Pharmacy take-back locations for unused medications
- Recycled water quality analysis

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