

## INTRODUCTION

Fats, oils, grease and other waste materials generated at restaurants, convenience stores, and other food service facilities can, from Marion Utilities perspective, be both a problem and an opportunity.



The problem is that oil and grease, when placed in facility drains, causes blockages and corrosion in downstream sewer pipes, requiring sewer pipes to be cleaned or replaced. To address this problem, the installation and maintenance of grease interceptors is required at restaurants, convenience stores and other food service facilities.

The good news is that accumulated oil and grease, when hauled to the wastewater treatment plant, benefits the utility because it increases digester gas and electricity production.

Food service facilities also have the opportunity to improve their environmental footprint by bringing used cooking oil or food waste to the wastewater treatment plant and recycling glass, metal, cardboard, paper, and plastic at the Marion Recycling Center.