

# Best Practices for Cleaning Hood Filters, Ducts, and Fans

Hood filters, ducts, and fans are designed to collect oil-laden air for sanitation, ventilation, and fire prevention. If not cleaned, these components can be flammable and attract pests.

- Wipe and scrape grease from hood filters and walls weekly or more frequently
- Annual cleaning/inspections by a contractor is recommended. If you hire a contractor to clean your roof vents, filters, ducts, and/or fans, they must follow the same rules as your business. Your business is responsible if contractors pollute.
- Wash hood filters inside at a utility sink or near a floor drain
- Ensure that no wash water or process water is discharged to roof drains, outside storm drains, or ditches
- When disposing of wash water to the sanitary sewer system ensure:
  - Wash water passes through a grease interceptor
  - Solids are strained out and placed into the garbage
- Collect and store grease from the duct and fan system in a watertight, structurally sound, and non-combustible container and dispose of properly



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