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Waste Management Authority to Businesses: Properly Dispose Your Waste Oil or Face Penalties

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The Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority (WMA) on Monday reminded residents who own food preparation businesses that they must follow the law as it applies to the proper disposal of used cooking oil. Additionally, car service establishments offering oil changes must also properly dispose of their waste oil, WMA said.

Waste Management said VI Code Title 19 Chapter 56 § 1555 (e) and (b) states, "All businesses producing waste oil must employ an authorized permitted hauler to dispose of the used product. Violators are subject to a fine of not less than \$1,000 and/or 180 days imprisonment."

"It is against the law to dispose used commercial oil at public bin sites. The authority is aware there are several businesses who violate the law by illegally disposing used oil at public bin sites

under the cover of darkness," WMA said. The authority said it continues to monitor this situation and will issue citations for illegal disposal and storage of used oil.

"We are urging the offending businesses to think about the negative effect your illegal actions are having on the local environment. This is our home, let's all keep it clean," WMA said.

To obtain a listing of permitted haulers, or to report illegal dumping call the WMA hotline, call 844-WMA-USVI (844-962-8784).

For more information, contact the WMA Office of Communications Management at 340-513-4171 or email communications@viwma.org.

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