Kitchen Best Management Practices (BMP’s)

**Sinks and Drains**

Drain Screens
- Be installed on all drains
- Have openings between 1/8" and 3/16"
- Be removable for ease of cleaning
- Be frequently cleaned (dispose of the screened solids to the trash)

**Grease Container Usage**
- Pour all liquid oil and grease from pots, pans, and fryers into a waste grease container
- Prior to washing, scrape solidified fats and grease from pots, pans, fryers, utensils, screens, and mats into a container
- Use recycling barrels or bins with covers for onsite collection of grease and oil
- Empty grill top scrap baskets or boxes into a container

**Dishwashing**
- Use rubber scrapers, squeegees, or towels to remove food and all visible fats, oils and grease from cook and serving ware prior to dishwashing
- Dry wipe remaining food and fats, oils and grease into trash can prior to dishwashing

**Spill Prevention and Clean-up**

Proactive Spill Prevention and Clean-Up Procedure BMPs
- Develop and post spill procedures
- Develop schedule for training employees about procedures
- Designate a key employee who monitors clean-up

Spill Prevention BMPs
- Empty containers before they are full to avoid accidental spills
- Provide proper portable container to transport materials without spilling
- Use a cover to transport grease materials to a recycling barrel

Spill Clean-up BMPs
- Block off sink and floor drains near the spill
- Clean spills with towels and absorbent material
- Use wet cleanup methods only to remove trace residues

**Absorbent Materials and Towel Usage**
- Use disposable absorbent materials to clean areas where grease may be spilled or dripped
- When using paper towels, use food grade paper to soak up oil and grease under fryer baskets
- Use towels to wipe down work areas
- Use absorbent materials under colanders in sinks when draining excess meat fat

**Food Waste Disposal/Recycling**
- Used or spent oil and grease generated from fryers and other cooking equipment can be recycled through a rendering or recycling company.

**Food Grinders**
- Food grinders should not be used in FSEs because the resulting large volume of food solids may clog drain pipes and/or fill grease traps and interceptors.

**Employee Education**
- An Education Program on the BMPs should be implemented consisting of:
  - New employee training program
  - Frequent refresher training program
  - Kitchen BMP signage