

**§ 14-79.2. Waste kitchen grease; unlawful acts and penalties.**

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to do any of the following:
  - (1) Take and carry away, or aid in taking or carrying away, any waste kitchen grease container or the waste kitchen grease contained therein, which container bears a notice that unauthorized removal is prohibited without written consent of the owner of the container.
  - (2) Intentionally contaminate or purposely damage any waste kitchen grease container or grease therein.
  - (3) Place a label on a waste kitchen grease container knowing that it is owned by another person in order to claim ownership of the container.
- (b) Any person who violates subsection (a) of this section shall be penalized as follows:
  - (1) If the value of the waste kitchen grease container, or the container and the waste kitchen grease contained therein, is one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or less, it shall be a Class 1 misdemeanor.
  - (2) If the value of the waste kitchen grease container, or the container and the waste kitchen grease contained therein, is more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), it shall be a Class H felony.
- (c) A container in which waste kitchen grease is deposited that bears a name on the container shall be presumed to be owned by that person named on the container.
- (d) As used in this section, "waste kitchen grease" has the same meaning as in G.S. 106-168.1. (2012-127, s. 6.)