



## About Us

Since 2005 Chicago Biofuels has been working to accelerate biodiesel use in the Chicago market. Part of Chicago Biofuels' focus as a renewable energy company is to collect used vegetable oil from cafeterias and restaurants and provide it to local biodiesel producers. This effort supports the local economy, reduces petroleum demand, and decreases air pollution. Our curriculum development with schools helps ensure that the next generation is prepared to deal with the world's energy challenges.

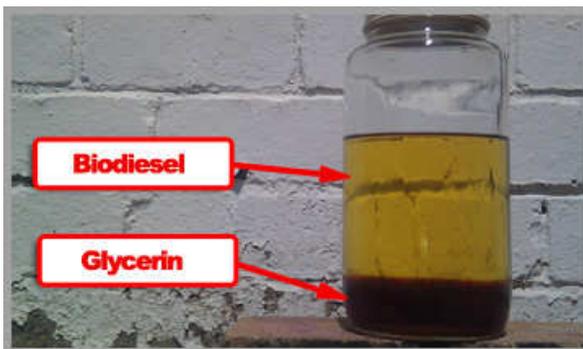
## Activities and Outreach

Chicago Biofuels hosts public meetings where people can come to learn about vegetable based fuels. We also work with fleet managers to incorporate biofuels into their company vehicles.

Chicago Biofuels is looking to increase renewable energy feedstock by planting oil seed crops on vacant properties in the City of Chicago. Currently we are planting sunflowers in the Bronzeville neighborhood in partnership with the Genesis Housing Development Corp. Sunflowers have the additional benefit of improving aesthetics and remediating lead from soil. If you have vacant land and want to get involved please contact us!



## What is Biodiesel?



Biodiesel is a clean burning alternative fuel, produced from domestic, renewable resources. Biodiesel contains no petroleum and can be used in any diesel engine with little or no modification.

Biodiesel is made from vegetable oil or animal fats. The chemical conversion process (transesterification) has glycerin as a co-product. Glycerin can be made into soap, can be burned in a boiler, or used to create methane in an anaerobic digester.

## Partnership Benefits



As a partner of the Chicago Biofuels Sustainability Network, you will be helping support renewable energy projects in the community. In return for your used vegetable oil, your establishment will receive materials to share with your patrons about this recycling program and will be featured on the ChicagoBiofuels.org partner page. You will also receive a quarterly carbon offset report detailing how much petroleum you've directly displaced by working with us.

As a restaurant owner, you have a choice in deciding what happens with your used vegetable oil. Most used oil winds up in animal feed, cosmetics, landfills or gets shipped overseas. We will ensure that your used vegetable oil goes directly to local biofuel producers. Your organization will help curb petroleum usage, harmful diesel emissions, and global warming.

## Did you know?

Some of the worst air pollution is actually inside of diesel school buses? Petroleum diesel use typically causes soot and other harmful chemicals to be released in the air we breath. Chicago burns over one billion gallons of diesel fuel a year. Petroleum diesel exhaust contributes to lung cancer and asthma, so it's vital to reduce petroleum diesel emissions.



Biodiesel burns much cleaner than petroleum and also helps boost our local economy by not sending money overseas for crude oil. Every gallon of biodiesel used makes Chicago cleaner and stronger!

## Become a Partner Today!

We'd love to collect your used vegetable oil.

Please return the following information and we'll contact you shortly. You can email or fax this page to: [info@chicagobiofuels.org](mailto:info@chicagobiofuels.org) or 630-599-7066. Thank you for your support!

Restaurant Name

Contact Person

Street Address

Contact Phone

City

Best time to call: Day, time

Approximate oil volume: Gallons/month

Primary oil type (Soy, canola, corn, shortening, etc.)