

Fat, Oils, & Grease (FOG)

GREASE.....really is a problem! Residual fats, oils, and grease (FOG) are by-products of food preparation. Typically, FOG enters the plumbing system from washing dishes/pots, pouring grease down the drain (where it soon solidifies causing pipes to become blocked), floor cleaning, and equipment cleaning.



Large amounts of oil and grease in wastewater can cause sewer lines to clog, sewer lift stations to fail, wastewater treatment plant problems and environmental concerns. Grease build-up restricts the flow of wastewater. Sometimes, grease layers will break off and create a downstream plug. Eventually, grease will lead to costly and dangerous backups. When sewer pipes get clogged:

- Sanitary sewer operation and maintenance costs go up, which in turn causes sewer rates to go up. **Final result, your**

family paying more for your monthly utilities!

- Raw sewage plugs up sewer mains and laterals that may cause costly overflows into **HOMES**, businesses, and streets!
- **Did you know?** Home owners are responsible for the lateral (sewer pipe) from the home to the sewer main in the street. So if the clog is located in this section, the homeowner is responsible for any repair, in addition to any damage that may have been caused by the blockage itself.

Sanitary systems are NOT designed or equipped to handle FOG. **It must be stopped and controlled at the source.**

THE GOOD NEWS.....You can eliminate FOG at its source. Here's how!!!

1. Never pour grease or oil down the drain. Pour cooled grease into a can, let it solidify, and then put the can in the trash. Use a paper towel to wipe up small amounts of cooking oil and then throw the towel in the trash.
2. Scrape food scraps, oils, and grease from dishware and cooking equipment prior to washing to keep grease out of cleaning water.
3. Limit the use of home garbage disposals.
4. Put baskets/strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps.

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