What can I do to prevent FOG related problems?

DO:

☑ Put oil & grease into collection containers.

☑ Remove oil & grease from kitchen utensil and equipment with towels prior to washing.

☑ Keep grease out of wash water

☑ Place food scraps into collection containers.

☑ Talk with your friends and neighbors about properly disposing of oil & grease.

DO NOT:

☒ Pour oil & grease down any drain

☒ Use hot water to rise grease off of pots and pan.

☒ Put grease & oil into your garbage disposal

☒ Place food scraps down the sink drain

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Fats, Oils, & Grease (FOG)

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Information and Frequently Asked Questions

Sewer Overflow caused by grease.

Why are Fats, Oil and Grease a Problem?

Grease hardens at room temperature and can cause blockages in home plumbing pipes and even overflows in your home or yard. These substances also cause clogging in the Public Utilities collection system.

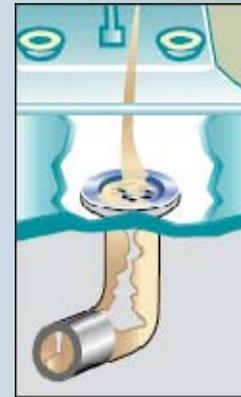## Where does the grease come from?

Restaurants, apartment buildings, schools, homes, churches, condominiums, shopping malls, hospitals food processing plants and anywhere cooking occurs. Grease is a by-product of cooking and comes from things like:

- Meat Fats   - Cooking Oils
- Shortening   - Dairy Products
- Lard   - Food Scraps
- Baking Goods   - Sauces

Why should I Care about FOG?

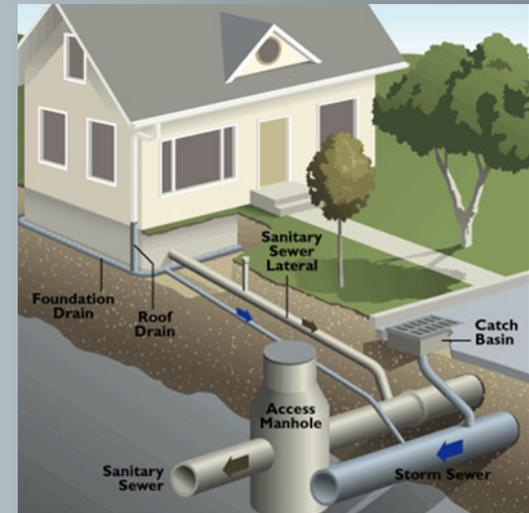By putting Fats, Oil and Grease down the drain.....

FOG builds up inside pipes and can cause a complete blockage

Clogged pipes overflow in your home and into the environment....

Resulting in increased cost to residents due to repair and maintenance costs.

Fats, Oil and Grease that are placed down the drain will accumulate within your sewer lateral and the City's sanitary sewer mains. Over time this accumulation will build into a flow obstruction which can cause sewage backups and overflows that are costly and a potential threat to your health and the environment.

Sewer Main that has been clogged by a buildup of FOG