

Properly Dispose of Household Grease

**MOST GREASE IS A BYPRODUCT
OF COOKING AND IS USUALLY
FOUND IN SUCH THINGS AS:**

- food scraps
- meat fats
- lard
- cooking oil
- butter & margarine
- baked goods
- sauces
- dairy products



GREASE IS ONE OF THE LEADING CAUSES OF SEWER OVERFLOWS!

**Never Pour Grease
Down Any Drain!**



**Everyone has a Role in
Protecting the Environment**

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PREVENTION

**Protect Our Environment
Keep Drains & Sewers
Clear of Fats, Oils and Grease**



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Don't Dump Fats, Oils or Grease

Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) represent one of the largest problems for sewer utilities and their customers. Blockages due to coagulated grease in pipes are thought to be the leading cause of sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs). SSOs are backups in either the public sewer or residential plumbing. Although often unintentional, the injection of **FOG** into the sewer system poses a significant risk to household plumbing and public sewer systems.

Garbage disposals (food grinders) can be useful appliances when used properly. The grinding of raw vegetables and certain other discarded food products not cooked with grease, butter or oils are potentially useful when transported to the sewer treatment plant as they can be recycled in an environmentally useful manner. Conversely, the grinding of meat products, dairy products or other cooked foods allows grease to be temporarily ground and introduced into the sewer system. **FOG** will accumulate and eventually form blockages, often causing SSOs.



There are simple steps which residents can take to prevent **FOG** from adversely affecting their homes and communities.

Here is How You Can Help Prevent Sewer Backups:

- » Never pour grease down sink drains or into toilets or garbage disposals.
- » Pour grease and oil into a covered disposable container and put it in the trash.
"COOL IT - CAN IT - TRASH IT"
- » Soak up remaining fats, oil and grease with paper towels and dispose of with your trash.
- » Before you wash dishes, scrape meats and food with fat and grease into the trash.
- » Put baskets or strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps and other solids, and empty the drain basket or strainer into the trash.
- » Only use garbage disposals for fruits, vegetables, and organic waste.

Be a Part of the Solution, Not the Problem!

- » **When Grease Goes Down The Drain, Sewage Backs Up**
- » **Everyone Can Help Limit Grease Build-Up By Proper Disposal of FOG**
- » **We Can All Protect Our Environment Starting in Our Homes**



How Can You Help?

The easiest way to solve grease problems and help prevent blockages is to keep **FOG** out of the sewer system.

For more information, go to www.cityofplacerville.org.