

F.O.G. In Our Stormwater

fats. oil. grease. and how to prevent it



Most grease is the byproduct of cooking and is usually found in such things as:

- food scraps and meat fats
- lard and cooking oil
- butter and margarine
- sauces
- baking goods
- dairy products

Sewage backups and overflows are typically the result of fats, oil and grease being introduced into the collection system from private residences that do not capture their grease after food preparation such as putting waste down the sink disposal and washing dishes without cleaning out excess fats, oil or grease.

Over time, build up occurs and eventually blocks the entire pipe causing sewage backups and overflows. As sewage overflows onto streets, it enters the stormwater system where the sewage is carried untreated to our local lakes and streams. This creates a health risk for swimmers and marine life and causes lake and park closures.



Tips for reducing F.O.G. pollution:

- DO NOT dump cooking oil, poultry fat, and grease into the kitchen sink or toilet.
- DO NOT use hot water and soap to wash grease down the drain. It will cool and harden in your pipes or in the sewer down the line.
- DO NOT put food scraps down the garbage disposal. It does not remove the grease, but instead only makes the pieces smaller. Even non-greasy foods can clog your sewer line.
- DO place cooled cooking oil, poultry and meat fats in sealed, non-recyclable containers and discard with your regular garbage.
- DO use paper towels to wipe residual grease or oil off of dishes, pots, and pans before washing them.

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