



# Protect Your Pipes

**Fats, oils and grease - FOG - are a recipe for disaster when it comes to sewer systems.**

Butter, cooking oil and other fatty foods poured down sinks eventually cool and harden, causing potential blockages in pipes that can end with sewer backups and overflows. The result: home damage, health hazards and expensive repairs.

## Avoid the FOG clog

- ✓ **CONTAIN** – Scrape food and oily residue from dishes into the trash. Pour oil and grease from pans into a metal can or other container and soak up the remainder with paper towels. Use a sink strainer to collect food particles and put them in the trash.
- ✓ **COOL** – Place covered containers with oil and grease in the refrigerator or freezer to harden.
- ✓ **TOSS** – The best place for FOG is in the trash.



## Put your pipes on a diet

Fats, oils and grease come from cooked meats, food scraps, salad dressing, gravy, mayonnaise and lard and should never be poured down the drain. Using the garbage disposal or running hot water down the drain will not keep fats, oils and grease from hardening.



## What's the problem?



FOGs cause buildup in pipes that can block sewer lines.



Sewer overflows contaminate homes, yards, streets and storm drains.



Cleanup is expensive and can impact rates.



Sewer backups on private property are the owner's responsibility.



Overflows can cause environmental harm.

For more information, call 760-365-8333.

